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Bob Odom, Commissioner



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"I can't hire enough local workers." Sweet potato growers, sugar cane farmers, crawfish processors, strawberry farmers, even aerial application services in Louisiana say it so much it sounds like a broken record.

It doesn't matter to a farmer with a ripe crop in the field ready to be harvested if Washington welfare rules or the housing construction boom caused the labor shortage. They only know that the berries, or sweet potatoes or watermelons are going to rot in the field unless they get picked today.

Some farm labor experts say 50 percent of the migrant labor force in Louisiana and the U.S. is here illegally. Dan Bremer, the head of Ag Works, a labor consulting firm, speaking to the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation last year, said that figure may be too low. He said the figure is more likely 70 to 90 percent and Louisiana farmers are increas-

ingly at the mercy of unscrupulous foreign labor contractors.

"Some (labor contractors who secure and transport workers) are the most ruthless bunch of people there ever were in the United States. Some are absolutely legitimate and on the up and up, but many, many, many are not," Bremer said.

Austin Perez, a labor specialist for the American Farm Bureau Federation, said labor shortages will become more acute as post 9-11 policies are implemented and enforced.

"We've had problems with labor shortages and we're going to continue to have them. The focus on security is going to make it much more difficult to bring in the workers that are needed," Perez said.

Numerous sources agreed that securing legal workers is a complicated, aggravating, time consuming

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Filling labor void a tricky business

Getting crossed up with federal migrant labor laws can be risky and expensive. In a cautionary tale playing itself out in many areas of the U.S., a recent court decision cost a Florida strawberry grower \$400,000 and ultimately put her out of business.

Labor Attorney M. Nan Alessandra of Phelps & Dunbar said a growing trend in the southeast has farm labor activists pursuing the small print in federal migrant labor laws to haul farmers into court.

"If you use an agent that recruits in Florida, Georgia or Alabama and labor activists feel they have a case, they can drag you into a court there in the 11th Circuit and most likely win, according to the *Arriaga v. Florida Pacific Farms and Sleepy Creek Farms* decision," she said.

Alessandra made her remarks at a farm labor seminar in Alexandria in early March. The seminar, sponsored by the Louisiana Farm Bureau

Federation, featured commentaries from a number of farm labor experts, including an H2A labor specialist, an immigration lawyer and a workmen's compensation attorney.

'I think Louisiana is probably the next target.'

-Michelle Williamson, former owner, Sleepy Creek Farms

Michelle Williamson, one of the defendants in the *Arriaga* case, also spoke at the conference. Her comments no doubt sent many of the attendees double-checking their guest-worker policies. Her operation folded as a result of her run-in with the labor laws.

As owner of Sleepy Creek Farms in Dover, Florida, Williamson wanted to be sure she had a reliable and legal labor force to harvest her 85-acre strawberry crop for the 1998-99 season.

"We realized that seven out of ten ag workers are illegal aliens so we thought that with the sensitivity of our crop it would be to our advantage to use this (H2A) program to assure we had legal workers," Williamson said.

H2A is a Department of Labor classification for foreign workers allowed into the United States to perform specific agricultural work for a specific time period. The workers come mainly from Mexico and other South American countries. Under rules of the Federal Labor Standards Act (FLSA), farmers are to provide transportation, housing and a pay rate that is either the aver-

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Migrant laborers on Liuzza & Sons strawberry farm in Tangipahoa Parish.

Agriculture & Forestry Today with Commissioner Bob Odom

In response to a case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) discovered in Alberta, Canada, a survey by Louisiana restaurant and food outlet owners found a few isolated instances of Canadian beef and beef products in their inventories, according to Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom.

"We asked them to do this as a precautionary measure so we can assure the public our Louisiana food supply is safe," Odom said.

"We've gotten nearly 100 percent cooperation from the retailers, wholesalers and restaurants. They want their customers to know that they're acting responsibly."

Odom said USDA officials have declared the Canadian beef found in the state as safe for consumption.

"The Canadian carcass that tested positive for BSE did not enter the human food chain and we are relieved to have that determination made" Odom said.

Laboratory tests released in May

indicated that a "downer" cow slaughtered in January had contracted BSE.

The USDA issued a ban on Canadian beef imports on May 20. Mexico, Australia, Japan, Taiwan and South Korea followed suit and have halted Canadian beef imports into their countries.

The ban applies to the entire spectrum of beef products including raw, processed and canned goods that can be identified as Canadian.

Currently, 17 farms that may have had contact with the affected cow are in quarantine and 200 others are being checked for feed regulation compliance.

"Louisiana is a state well known for its cuisine and we will take every action possible to insure that we maintain the highest quality of our food supply," Odom said. "We take that responsibility seriously."

"At the same time we are confident that the USDA has responded properly and that the problem

found in Canada has not migrated into the United States. The USDA has conducted a comprehensive surveillance program since the mid-1990s and tested more than 19,000 cows in 2002 alone. Because of both the state and national vigilance we have never had a cow test positive for BSE in our country."

Odom said state veterinarians and other officials are continuing to work closely with the USDA in monitoring the situation.

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process. But if a farmer must have the labor and wants to prevent serious legal problems he needs to exert the time and effort to learn and follow the guidelines.

Farmers can use the federal government's H2A program to bring in temporary "guest workers" but recent court cases have driven the costs higher and higher.

"I've used the H2A program for three years," said sweet potato grow-

er Ken Thornhill of Wisner in Franklin Parish. "The H2A program allows us to use some very good migrant labor from well down in Mexico," he said.

"What's happened is the H2A program has just priced itself out of the market. We can't continue with these escalating labor costs," Thornhill said.

Perez said the H2A program is also litigation friendly.

"You have to screen their (foreign workers') documentation. They have to provide you with identification, proof of identity and proof of work authorization. Under the law you have to make sure that the documentation looks legitimate, but computer technology has made it easier to forge documents. But then if you suspect you've got illegal workers and ask for another ID you could be slapped with a discrimination lawsuit," Perez said.

"It's a no-win situation," he said. "If producers are caught with illegal workers they face fines and jail time."

Nan Alessandra, a labor lawyer for Phelps and Dunbar agrees the H2A labor rules are interpreted liberally and "a judge will nearly always side with the farm worker, especially if the employer has not kept good records."

Greg Schell, the farm workers attorney in the *Arriaga v. Sleepy Creek* case said today's farmers have to stay current with regulations and paperwork.

"The farmer has to document, document, document. A lot of them aren't knowledgeable about modern labor management," he said.

This planting season Thornhill is using legal alien workers with proper green cards, but he will still be subject to many of the same rules that apply to H2A workers. Unlike H2A workers who are temporary, green card workers have immigrant visas that allow them to become lawful permanent residents. The "green card" allows the holder to work legally, travel abroad and return, bring in a spouse and children and become eligible for citizenship.

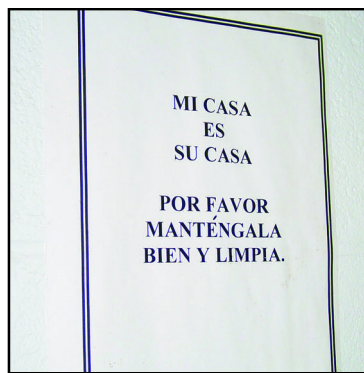
"You have to pay green card workers transportation, both ways, from the point of recruitment to the point of employment. If they're on the road very long you have to pay their meals. The housing requirements are the same. The only difference is going to be the wage aspect," Thornhill said.

Thornhill said he is only required to pay the area's prevailing wage of \$6 an hour to his green card workers while he would be forced to pay the adverse effect assessed wage rate (AEWAR) of \$7.13 as defined by the Department of Labor to H2A workers. He would not have to pay employment taxes for H2A labor, however.

"The AEWAR is really a kind of disincentive to employers to try and force them to find local labor," explained Brian Breaux of the Louisiana Farm Bureau. "But a lot of local people don't want to bend over and pick berries or dig sweet potatoes all day for \$6 an hour."



Ken Thornhill's dormitories provide the basic comforts for his guest workers. The sweet potato grower estimates he spent \$4,300 per laborer in the construction of his facilities.



Thornhill is pragmatic. "Let's face it. These Mexican workers earn \$35 a week when they can find work in Mexico. They would be very happy to work for the prevailing wage here," he said.

But Thornhill said if he had to go back to using H2A workers he won't be tripped up on transportation costs which could technically have his workers go below the minimum wage ruling as defined in the *Arriaga* case.

"I'd pay their bus fare the week they got here. They wouldn't be out any expense. I'd find out what the visa cost and I'd reimburse that. I'd take every precaution," Thornhill said.

The temptation to use illegals is great said Bremer. He related a "true story."

"You've got a rotting field of vegetables and here comes a coyote (a freelance labor contractor) in a little white van. He indicates that he has four workers inside and for \$600 they can pick the field, no questions asked. What do you do?"

"You may hire illegals, but when that government green Plymouth with the blackwall tires drives up and all your workers run for the woods, then where are you?" Bremer queried.

To avoid the pitfalls, Bremer urges the use of a *bona fide* labor contractor. "Make sure they're properly licensed and their transportation vehicle is listed on the license," he said.

Thornhill said farmers must make sure the contractor has a good reputation. "You talk around, find out who's using a contractor and what do they think about him. A labor contractor can get you in deep trouble if he violates the labor regulations," Thornhill said.

Schell added that the farmers should err on the side of caution when dealing with guest workers.

"Farmers need to realize that even

Housing \$\$\$ worth it

Sweet potato farmer Ken Thornhill says meeting federal housing regulations for migrant labor can be an expensive pain but he emphasizes they're ultimately a good thing.

Bringing his Wisner farm up to federal standards cost about \$4,300 per worker.

Federal law says farmers must provide housing and transportation for their guest workers. Some farmers have bought mobile homes; Thornhill built three cinder block dormitories.

Because of the number of guest workers Thornhill hires, 25 during planting and 50 at harvest, he was also required to build an oxidation pond complete with aerator to handle sewage for the on-site apartments. His dormitories required hauling in 3,500 yards of dirt to elevate two 1,875-square-foot duplexes and another smaller housing structure. In



Ken Thornhill

addition, his facility had to pass muster by the Environmental Protection Agency, the State Fire Marshall, the State Hospital and various other federal and state agencies.

"I'm not downing the regulations that much. It's a good thing that we went through this," Thornhill says. "We tried to do things right the first time."

"I've got to allow 50 square feet of area per person. I've got two showers, two stoves and two refrigerators in our facilities. Once you go through it (the building process), it's probably good that you did."

"You've got your facilities built and you got all your Ts crossed and your Is dotted," Thornhill says.

Thornhill says he appreciates the job his guest workers do for him.

"Yes, I've got to hire a bus for \$65 to bring them to town to cash their checks on Friday and take them to Wal-Mart. Yesterday eleven of our local workers did not show up and today fifteen were absent. They (the guest workers) are eager to work and they're good family people. They do a good job for me."

if they think they're doing everything they're supposed to they still may be challenged in court. They can't just rely on consultants to give them the whole picture," he said.

Bremer said that the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation should be able to answer questions about labor. "They have the best labor advisory committee of all that I've worked with," Bremer said.

Bremer also said that a farmer would need someone very familiar with H2A regulations to handle all of the paperwork. "You've got to make sure that you keep up with your documentation and you've got to document everything. You can have no deviation between what you do for a local worker and a guest worker," Bremer said. "We live in a litigious society."

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age for the crop or the average of all the ag industry in the state, whichever is higher. At the time of the *Arriaga* litigation the adverse effect wage assessed rate (AEWAR) was \$6.77, now it is in excess of \$7 per hour.

"We were following the law. They were legal workers. They were issued visas by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to come in for a specific time period to do a specific job," Williamson said.

The Farm Worker Justice Program in Florida saw a crack in the veneer of the law.

All legal U.S. workers are paid minimum wage, but the court ruled transportation costs from their home villages and visa costs paid by the migrant could mean a worker might earn less than minimum wage during their first week of employment when those travel and visa expenses were factored in.

"It meant if the worker is paid \$5.15 an hour and they worked 30 hours they've earned \$155 the first week, but if they have incurred expenses in excess of \$400 to get to that job, they're at negative \$245. You've got to bring them back up to the \$5.15 so they can earn minimum wage," Williamson said.

"We paid their transportation costs according to H2A regulations at the halfway point of the contract, but the court ruled we were in violation of the FLSA by not reimbursing them at the start of their employment. We also had to pay the visa costs," she said.

Does Williamson think she would still be in business if she had paid transportation and visa costs the first week?

"I probably would not still be in business if I had done all that. We're too small an operation and the workers wouldn't stay the full contract," the former berry producer said.

Williamson predicts a similar case will eventually reach the highest court.

"I think Louisiana is probably the next target. I think they'll target all the court districts until they get it to the Supreme Court level so they can get a decision there. That's ultimately what they want."

CATTLE

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REMINDER: Have all of your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age vaccinated against brucellosis. For information contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, your parish Cattlemen's Association or parish Farm Bureau.

BBU reg. Beefmaster bulls, bark red, 14 mos., \$550; (1) 1 yr., born 1/4/03, 2000 lbs., gentle, no bad habits, \$1200, all in excel. cond. Waldo Thibodeaux, Lafayette, 70503; (337) 235-4587 or (337) 332-3531.

Pb reg. Char. bull, 2 ½ yrs., w/papers, no bad habits, polled, gentle, calf to show, \$1400; 16-17 mo. pb Char. bull, polled, no bad habits, very gentle, ready for service, \$1250. Philip Melancon, Church Point, 70520; (337) 873-6232.

Braford heifers, bred to Brangus bulls, all shots, gentle, \$750/1; Brangus bulls, 2 & 3 yrs., \$1250/1-up. John Boudreaux, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-6743.

Reg. Blk. Simbrah ¾-¼ bull, 18 mos., approx. 1300 lbs., very gentle, semen tested (good) \$1000. Tammy Kay Fontenot, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-6537.

Reg. 8 mo. Limousin bulls, a positive imprint in your program, w/excel. background & EPD's, \$600/1. Dextel Terrebonne, Gibson, 70356; (985) 209-0026.

Limousin bulls, heifers & calves, selling all 15 head, \$400/1-up. H. L. Paulk, Deville, 71328; (318) 443-8925.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls & heifers, 8 mos., \$500-\$550. Clinton Breland, Angie, 70426; (985) 848-9213.

(30) Mixed heifers, Brangus, blk. Baldy, Char., take all, \$685/1, bred by Angus bull. Johnny Gaudet, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 898-1699.

(6) Sim.-Angus heifers., born Feb. & March 2002, \$650/1. Dennis Courtright, Colfax, 71417; (318) 627-5769.

Reg. BBU Beefmaster bulls, Classic Cotton bloodlines, clean underlines, good conform., ready for service, \$850/1. Gaston Gerald, Greenwell Springs, 70739; (225) 654-8816.

Reg. Char. cattle, 3/N/1's, \$1200-\$1500; bulls, 18-21 mos., \$1000-\$1500/1; open heifers, \$700/1. Harry Comeaux, Arnaudville, 70512; (337) 662-3270.

Reg. polled Char. bulls, 1 yr. grandsons of HBR program ZP7P (multi-trail leader 2002) excel. EPD's & disp., \$750. Joel Pigott, Pearl River, 70452; (985) 863-5008.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls & heifers, 12-14 mos., cert. brucellosis free herd, \$1000/1-up. M. J. Hebert, Youngsville, 70592; (337) 856-4277.

Reg. polled Hereford bulls, 14-18 mos., excel. bloodlines, LBW, high weaning weights, U.S. & Canadian sires, \$800/1-up; heifers, \$700/1-up. Wesley Coffman, Leesville, 71446; (337) 239-2255.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls, 13-18 mos., developed on pasture & forage, \$800-\$1500/1. Daryl Carruth, Greensburg, 70441; (225) 222-6003.

(6) F-1 Brahman x Angus, 26 mos., (4) w/calves at side, \$1150/1; (4) crossbred cows, 5-8 yrs., calves at side, exposed to blk. Angus bull, \$750/1. Brent Dauzat, Effie, 71331; (318) 253-9242.

Reg. polled pb Char. heifers, 8-9 mos., \$700/1-up; reg. yrlg. bulls, \$825/1-up. Louis Quave, Bush, (985) 886-5557 or Peter Feringa, Covington, 70433; (985) 871-0317.

Beefmaster cattle, cows, prs., exposed or bred, heifers, exposed or bred, \$850/1-up. R. LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

Brangus heifers, blk. pb-commercial, out reg. stock, weaned, cond. & gentle, 6-7 mos., excel. starter herd, calving ease, high growth, good milk, \$475/1. Bill Clattenburg, Montpelier, 70744; (225) 777-4909.

Reg. Brangus bulls, 17 mos., blk. gentle, calving ease, ready for light service, \$1000/1. Sharlane Clattenburg, Montpelier, 70744; (225) 777-4909.

Char. bulls, \$1500-\$2000. Fred Rodosta, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 948-6511 or (337) 948-3926.

Reg. Char. heifers, \$1000/1. Simone Chauvin, Raceland, 70394; (985) 537-6954.

Reg. Char. bulls, \$1000/1-up. Ridley Chauvin, Raceland, 70394; (985) 537-6954.

Red Angus bulls, show bull, took 1st. place La., 3rd Texas Fat Stock show, \$2000; bred cows, \$1200/up. Jim Ortego, Carencro, 70520; (337) 234-6313 or (337) 896-7551.

BBU Beefmaster bulls, heifers, pairs & bred cows, Red Tiger, Classic Cotton, Tailor Tot, Painted Tiger & Spartacus breeding, cert. free herd, 00-1957, \$800/1-up. Reggie Lucas, Deville, 71328; (318) 466-9094.

Zebu bulls, \$500/1-up. Ronnie Daniels, Hammond, 70403; (225) 294-2402.

Reg. Angus herd bulls, 1-3 yrs., A1'd son of Traveler 436 of JRS Raider, \$2500; grandson son of Traveler 8180 x Bando 598 daughter, \$1200. Kirk Boudreaux, Carencro, 70520; (337) 896-1954.

Sept.-Oct. 2002 born, blk. & gray Sim.-Angus heifers, \$500/1. Dennis Courtright, Colfax, 71417; (318) 627-5769.

Reg. polled Hereford bull, 21 mos., 1800+ lbs., halter broke, ready for heavy service, \$1700. Laura Hughes, Zachary, 70791; (225) 658-5348.

Polled Hereford bulls, 5 mos., excel. quality, gentle, great EPD's, ready to wean now, \$500/1-up.

Judy Wiggins, Baton Rouge, 70816; (225) 752-0309.

Reg. Char. (1) 3/N/1 w/5 mo. bull calf, \$1100; (3) bred cows, 7-8 yrs., \$750/1; heifers, 6 mos., \$500/1, all w/papers. Ray Normand, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4475.

Pb reg. Char. breeding age bulls, \$750-\$1000/1. Anthony Pitt, Scott, 70583; (337) 232-2452.

Reg. Char. bull, 13 yrs., \$1500; reg. Angus bull, 1 yr.-15 mos., \$800/1-up; reg. Char. bull, 1 yr.-15 mos., \$800/1-up. Elvin Soileau, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-4094.

Reg. Limousin brood cows, reds & blks., all polled, open, bred, 3/N/1's, \$800/1-up. Brent Deshautelle, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-6495.

Pb blk. Simm. bull, 18 mos., just off forage based performance bull test, ADG 4.2 lbs, BSE tested, \$1500. Charles Macip, Port Barre, 70577; (337) 942-9123.

Reg. Char. bulls, 10 mos.-2 yrs., from multi-trait leader, A1 from King Grayor, very gentle, polled, \$1000-\$2200. G. Perron, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 942-5272.

Reg. Simm. & Simbrah bulls, polled, solid colors, wormed, all shots, very gentle, 8 mos.-2 yrs., \$550-\$1150/1. Harold Landreneau, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-0505.

Reg. Brangus bull, 3 yrs., \$975; (3) reg. Char. bulls, 3 yrs., \$1275/1; LSU Angus, 4 yrs., \$1675. Carroll Gueho, Baton Rouge, 70808; (225) 766-2363.

Hereford beef Power by the Ton & guaranteed breeders, all 100% Hereford, not w/reg. cert., cows, pairs & bulls, 1-2 ½ yrs., \$800-\$1200. Harold Lower, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-4487.

Reg. Char., 3 yr. bull, sired by Prime Cut, \$2000. Wade Richey, Carencro, 70520; (337) 886-2739.

Reg. Char. bulls, (1) 38 mo., Intimidator bloodline, \$1250; (1) 28 mo., Magna bloodline, \$1050; (1) 20 mo., Magna bloodlines, \$950; (2) 20 mo. reg. Char. heifers, ready to breed, Magna bloodline, \$700/1; or \$4150/if all taken. Ed Dugas, Carencro, 70520; (337) 896-4335.

Brangus bull, CBR Townsend Lucky, 3 yrs., excel. conform. & disp., LBW, \$1900; (5) Brangus x Angus-Hereford heifers, 790-880 lbs., visual breeding to CBB Townsend Lucky during 4/03, dewormed etc., \$825/1. John Mailhes, Shreveport, 71130; (318) 925-0898.

Reg. Simbrah bull, 15 mos., dark red, w/wh. blaze face, very gentle, healthy bloodline, \$950. Joseph Genusa, Independence, 70443; (985) 748-5955.

Yrlg. Gelbvieh bulls, out of grand champ. Louie, \$1200/1-up. Dotti Knost, Clinton, 70722; (225) 683-8044.

Red. Angus bull, 3 yrs., LSU tested, \$1500. Homer Knost, Clinton, 70722; (225) 683-8044.

Reg. Simm. & Simbrah cattle, heifers, bulls & pairs, \$550/1-up. B. G. Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

Pb blk. Simm. bull, 11 mos., nice, \$750; (4) open blk. heifers, 10

mos. & older, Fleckvick & Black Mick bloodline, \$650/1-up. Mancel Brouillette, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-9922.

Wanted: miniature cattle. Ronnie Daniels, Hammond, 70403; (225) 294-2402.

HORSES, MULES & JACKS

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AQHA, proven son of Special Effort fillies & colts, 1-3 yrs., out of Blondy's Dude mares, \$750/up, all horses microchipped. Butch Martin, Braithewaite, 70040; (504) 682-2467.

6 yr. blk./brown reg. AQHA mare, w/reg. colt, by Kings Ranch stud & rebred to same, 3/N/1, \$3500; yrlg. paint colt, from mare above, \$1000; dark gray AQHA colt, \$900, all haltered & no Sunday trades. Harold Loewer, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-4487.

(2) Arabian fillies, Talal & Hossny bloodlines, \$4000/1. Veronica Ryan, Slaughter, 70777; (225) 658-5291.

1986 AQHA buckskin mare, w/Feb. '03 bay colt at side, excel. child's horse or all around mount, great deal, \$1800/pr. Marty Brouillette, Kentwood, 70444; (225) 222-4745.

AQHA geld., Puddenhead, show district & state, great disp., 6 mos., prof. training, \$3500; AQHA paint mare, 4-H shown, overo, \$2000. Melissa Henry, Patterson, 70392; (985) 395-6015.

APHA, 2003 reg. filly, halter broke, sweet disp., beautiful, world champ. bloodlines, calf roping, barrels, poles, healing, performance, great conform., \$1200. Cheryl Smith, Fields, 70653; (337) 786-3617.

1999 AQHA mare, Doc's Hickory, Mr. San Peppy, I'll be Smart breeding, worked on cattle & flag, very pretty, catty & catty, team penner or finish in cutting, \$5500. Bill Neef, Lafayette, 70503; (337) 981-5409.

Reg. TW blk. mare, w/colt, \$2000; reg. spotted saddle w/paint colt rebred to paint stud, \$1800. Paul Broussard, 70518; (337) 837-1368.

Reg. Rocky Mountain geld., gaited, 6 yrs., excel. conform. & disp., very gentle, anyone can ride, lots of sense, \$1950. Buddy Payne, Tickfaw, 70466; (225) 567-5002.

2001 AQHA gray geld., son of Freckles Smokin Doc, grandson of Smart Little Pistol, good handle, good disp., \$2700. Gary Landry, Addis, 70710; (225) 749-3268.

Double reg. blk. & wh. gaited stud, 6 yrs., proven sire, hip injury prevents showing, sweet natured, easy breeder, saddle work started, breeding & pleasure only, \$1200. Donavan Stoute, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 585-2642 or (337) 351-3815.

Reg. pb Arabian stallions, mares, colts & fillies, Egyptian/Spanish bloodstock, Ibn Halima, Morafic, Kabull, Barich de Washoe bloodlines, \$1500/1-up. Jeff Dupre, Washington, 70589; (337) 585-2642.

1995 Young Gun geld., good handle, light turn back use, excel. penning/sorting prospect, sound w/all vacc. current, \$3000. Larry Fontenot, Lake Charles, 70611; (337) 855-0629.

2003 AQHA dun colt, good bone & conform., Poco Bueno & Smart Little Jerry bloodlines, great stud prospect, \$1000. Wayne Soileau, Reddell, 70580; (337) 468-3516.

2001 & 2002 AQHA sorrel fillies, good cutting horse prospect, 2001, \$1750; 2002, \$1500. Jean Causey, Prairieville, 70769; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

APHA homozygous mares, exposed to homozygous stallion, \$1995/1-up. Perry Thomassie, Gonzales, 70737; (225) 644-4238 or (225) 644-5381.

2001 APHA sorrel solid geld., w/90 days prof. riding, by Barlink Tuff Times, out of a Skippa Receipt mare, excel. area prospect, \$2000. Anita Craig, Deville, 71328; (318) 466-3839.

Thoroughbred mare, allowance winner of \$41,581, foal at side, by superbly bred son of Seattle Slew, \$1750. E. C. Roge, Sr., Natchez, 71456; (318) 352-9912 or (318) 352-7001.

Reg. QH yrlg. filly, 100% cow bred, Colonel Freckles, Senior George, Doc Wilson on papers, dark red sorrel, w/blaze, halter broke, straight & growthy, \$1200. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite, 70422; (985) 748-5556.

Louisiana Market Bulletin (USPS 672-600)

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AQHA/APHA weanling, yrlg., 2-3 yrs. & mares, good riding horses & top bloodlines, halter, riding & performance, some eligible for futurity, \$1500/1-up. Loraine Kurz, Mandeville, 70470; (985) 796-0555.

(2) Thoroughbreds, well bred yrlg. fillies, \$2000/1; (1) well-bred broodmare, w/foal at side & rebred, \$2500. L. Miller, Scott, 70583; (337) 234-3464.

1999 AQHA gray geld., Docs Budha x Go Man Go grandson, good handle, excel. ranch horse, \$3500. John Boudreaux, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-6743.

Reg. exceptional quality, mini gray donkeys, (2) jacks, \$600/1; (2) bred jennies, \$800; or all for \$2500. L. Kirkwood, Elmer, 71424; (318) 793-5392.

1995 APHA tobiano geld., sound, good handle, real nice looking, will track calves, place & won W. Pleasure classes, \$3500. R. Perieux, St. Martinville, 70582; (337) 394-8807.

Reg. Tenuvian geld., 3 yrs., (3/4 Peruvian & 1/4 TWH), \$2500; reg. Peruvian geld., 4 yrs., \$3000. Danny Nixon, Haynesville, 71038; (318) 624-2821.

Reg. breeding stock paint mare, 12 yrs., w/2 mos., filly at side, great kid's horse, \$2500/both. Brian Carroll, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 948-4834.

(1) 8 yr. mare, blk./wh. paint, 1200 lbs., good handle & disp., very gentle, all around using horse, \$1500. Adam Dupuy, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-9517.

2001 Bay filly, by Smart Peppy's Playboy, out of double bred Dry Doc mare, gentle, \$1750. John Morvant, Thibodaux, 70301; (985) 446-0708.

2003 AQHA buckskin filly, by own son of Sonita Lena, out of Zan Parr Bar mare, \$1500; 2003 bay colt by money earning sun of Smart Peppy Doc, \$1250. Romy Morvant, Thibodaux, 70301; (985) 446-0708.

Reg. Paso Fino horses, 2 1/2 yr. geld., \$1500; 2 & 3 yr. fillies, \$2000/1-up. Allen Dugas, Tickfaw, 70466; (985) 542-0252.

QH geld., 15 yrs., Push Button w/Power Steering has been used as lesson horse, barrels, W. Pleasure, trails, 16.2 hands, sound, people horse, \$2500. Carolyn Yale, Lockport, 70374; (985) 532-9689.

APHA, beautiful weanlings & yrlgs., all colors, great conform., gorgeous heads, \$800. Jane Vidal, Loranger, 70446; (985) 878-4151.

AQHA absolutely gorgeous foundation bred weans. & yrlgs., cremello, blk., palomino & buckskins, big colts, must see Doc Bar & Sport Model, Handcock bred, gentle, \$1200/1-up. Mike Vidal, Loranger, 70446; (985) 878-4151.

1999 APHA buckskin/tobiano geld. Boston Baked Bean on top, Bee Spring Jack Pot on bottom, good looking, good disp., broke to ride, \$3000. Blaine Devillier, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-5281.

Reg. Peruvian Paso stallion, '91, true blk., very long mane, tail & forelock, a gentleman, \$2400; Reg. Peruvian Paso geld., '98 turning blk. green, but well gaited, tall & flashy, (2) rear socks, \$1950. Carol

Thoerig, Covington, 70435; (985) 893-8161.

04/00 AQHA gray mare w/blk. points, 14.3 hands, heavy boned, green broke, great disp., Conclusive, Two-eyed Jack, Winchester bred, exposed to a Ima Cool Skip/Boston Mac bred AQHA blk. stud, \$1600. J. Causey, Walker, 70785; (225) 235-5121.

01/01 APHC brown filly, out of own daughter of Alias King by an Ima Cool Skip sire, great disp., stocky build, both parents on sight for viewing, \$900, obo. J. Causey, Walker, 70785; (225) 235-5121.

Son of Shining Sneakers, NRHA money earner, by Shining Spark, dam is Peppy San & Royal King bred, view sire at www.QHD.com, \$2500; yrlgs., all cutting bred, all gentle, \$1000/1-up. Brian Johnson, St. Landry, 71367; (318) 838-2919 or (318) 447-2919.

2003 stud colts, double bred King, yrlg. palomino stud, \$1500/1, others avail., will consider trades for King or Hollywood Gold mares. Danny Newman, Bogalusa, (985) 730-6622.

Yrlgs., Smart Lil Lena, Colonel Freckles, Handle Bar Doc, Gay Bar King, Extra Fancy, great movers, awesome prospect for cutting or performance, \$1500. Kathy Simoneaux, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 942-1880.

2003 Weans. & 2 yrs., all colors & riding horses, Peppy San Badger, Doc O'Vegas Boy, Doc O'Lena, Dry Doc, Peppy San, Doc Sugs, Freckle's Playboy, Peponita, Cactus Ben bloodlines, \$1000/1-up. Debra Gentile, Port Allen, 70767; (225) 627-9562 or (225) 234-2322.

(2) 2001 AQHA bay stallions, dbl. bred Peppy San Badger & Doc O'Lena, Doc Sugs, Doc Bar, Tangery Gin, Captain Joker, started under saddle, \$2000/1; '99 AQHA golden palomino geld., used trail riding, gentle, \$2000 obo. Dean Gentile, Port Allen, 70767; (225) 627-9562 or (225) 234-2322.

Reg. TW blue roan sabino stud colt, 5 WGC on papers, very gentle, 13 mos., \$1500. Shonnie Dove, Winnsboro, 71295; (318) 435-2217.

Reg. QH bay geld., 4 yrs., Doc & Puddenhead Doc, handles good, easy to train, make good barrel or team roping, quick, \$2000, firm. Lee Fontenot, Morgan City, 70380; (985) 399-6646.

Thoroughbred yrlg. filly, by Fit to Fight, out of Laurene's Dancer, multiple, \$200,000+, stakes producer, \$18,000. Rebecca McLindon, Bush, 70431; (985) 892-2686.

1996 APHA buckskin breeding stock mare, w/wean. colt at side, open or bred back, \$1800. Sam Moran, Ethel, 70730; (225) 658-4914.

2002 AQHA sorrel stallion prospect, dbl. bred, El Rey Rojo & Hollywood George, \$1500, firm; '01 AQHA & FQHA 91% red line back dun Hollywood, Bill & King bred stallion, 100% dun factors, 15.5 hands, \$1800, www.CLFarms.homestead.com. Carl Chiasson, Scott, 70583; (337) 896-4576.

(2) Reg. English Shire mares, 4 & 5 yrs., (1) gray, (1) blk. w/wh.

blaze, \$1800/1. Carolyn Russell, Ruston, 71270; (318) 548-5050.

Great kids or ladies horse, 16 yr. QH geld., \$950. Skip Russell, Ruston, 71270; (318) 548-5050.

TWHBEA, '02 stud colt, blk. w/4 wh. stockings, \$1200; TWHBEA, SSHBEA, NSSHA, '03 blk./wh. tobiano stud colt, \$2000; SHHBEA, NSSHA, '02 filly, sorrel/wh. tobiano, \$1200. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie, 70090; (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

AQHA yrlg. colt, sorrel, halter & farrier broke, very gentle, \$750. G. E. Martel, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-7471.

Quarter horse fillies, 2 yrs. almost 3, not reg., not broke, loads, trims, gentle, (1) blue, (1) gray, beautiful, \$700/1. Jim White, Castor, 71016; (318) 544-2356.

2/03 Palomino colt, 1/2 QH, 1/2 Welch, \$600; 2/03 chestnut filly, 3/4 QH, 1/4 Belgian, \$800, both imprinted & handled daily, head, load, tie, clip & bath, others avail. Ben Baggett, Mittie, 70654; (337) 639-2086.

Reg. Peruvian Paso horses, 8 yr. golden palomino, \$4000, great trails; 6 yr. sorrel gelding, \$4000; show quality 6 yrs., gray very small, very sweet, \$3000, needs to be ridden. Wayne Bell, Delcambre, 70528; (337) 685-5183.

Pony mare, 8 yrs., 10 hands, very pretty & gentle, \$350. Holly Middlebrooks, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-4628.

AMHA miniature colt, born 2/13/03, caramel color, w/white blaze face, blue eyes, grandson of Boone's Little Trinket & Cheyenne's Celebration, \$1200. Shirley Crochet, Sulphur, 70663; (337) 625-0404 or (337) 802-2983.

AQHA reg. sorrel geld., 2 yrs., Ima Cool Kelo (sire), 15.2 hands, gentle disp., green broke, \$1800. Billy Doiron, Walker, 70785; (225) 665-4455.

Paso gelding palomino, 11 yrs., well gaited, \$1400 obo. Butch Suttoon, Morgan City, 70380; (985) 385-4489.

8 yr. bay geld., head or heel upper number; 15 yr. sorrel geld., head horse, for lower number or beginner roper, \$4000/1. Glen Schexnaydre, Convent, 70723; (225) 562-7344.

Seven Star stables, full or partial board, clean & hazard free facility, located 10 minutes from Port Allen, off Hwy. 190, 60+ acres for riding. Chris & Donna Leger, Plaquemine, 70764; (225) 687-2047 or (225) 776-2843.

Wanted: female donkey. David or Cheryl Trahan, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 642-5600.

Wanted: gentle pony, 44" to 45", palomino or sorrel, w/white mane & tail, needs to ride & pull. Don Segura, New Iberia, 70560; (337) 365-2658.

STALLION SERVICE

1982 AQHA palomino, a rare Hollywood Gold grandson out of a Triple A running mare. 5 PBHA ROMS, 300+ points, \$600. Danny Newman, Bogalusa, 70427; (985) 730-6622.

Homozygous for paint & tobiano babies, APHA blk. & wh., Skip-N-King, \$350, reg. mares, \$250, grade mares, no mare care. Beverly Bertrand, Branch, 70516; (337) 684-3028 or (337) 580-0161. **TWHBEA, SSHBEA, NSSHA, RHBEA**, 16 hands, blk. & wh. tobiano stallion, \$250/\$5 mare care. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie, 70090; (225) 265-4654.

Smart Zan Lena, own son of Smart Lil Lena 743000, out of Sparkle Suzanna, 3x world champ., \$75,000 LTE, athletic as they come, \$750/\$8 mare care. Kevin Simoneaux, Opelousas, 70510; (337) 942-1880.

APHA homozygous blk./wh. stallion, '98 Miss. grand champ. in halter, guaranteed paint, good conform., \$250/\$5 mare care. Perry Thomassie, Gonzales, 70737; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

Blk. & wh. Appaloosa Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234, \$200/\$3 mare care. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro, 70520; (337) 896-8457.

AQHA palomino, Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, \$350/\$3 mare care. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro, 70520; (337) 896-8457.

1997 AQHA blk. stallion, Ima Cool Skip & Boston Mac bred, Hypp N/N, \$300/\$5 mare care. J. Randy Causey, Walker, 70785; (225) 235-5121.

1995 AQHA sorrel, w/(4) wh. socks & blaze face, son of Docs All Around, out of Docs Tom Cat & Doc Bar, dams side Aquados Laurela by El Aquado & El Pachuco Wimpy, \$250/\$5 mare care. Shannon Briley, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. blk. TW stallion, by Star's All American & Shades of Carbon, 1200 lbs., 14.3 hands, good conform., \$200/\$5 mare care. John Duplechin, Eunice, 70570; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. Homozygous TW stallion, chestnut & wh. tobiano, by Battle Colors & Paints Moon Man, 15.3 hands, guaranteed paint, beautiful & great disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. Patrice Montgomery, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. Homozygous TW stallion, by Pride's Deater & Tux Time, 17 hands, gentle & great disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. Cody Briley, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-8578.

SHEEP & GOATS

African pygmy/Nigerian dwarf goats, excel. pets, doe kid, \$100; buck kid, \$50. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel, 70722; (225) 683-4919 or (225) 937-0540.

100% Boer goat billies, \$250/1-up; percentage Boer nannies & billies, \$75/1-up. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa, 70527; (985) 735-9671.

Reg. blk. head dorper male, w/papers, \$800. Wilfred Lalonde, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 585-6521.

(1) African pygmy male goat, approx. 2 mos., \$50. Bernard Darbonne, Pollock, 71467; (318) 765-9415.

Nubian milkers, \$125/1; record grade milkers, \$125/1; Nubian dry yrlg., \$100. Mary McMahan, Hammond, 70403; (225) 567-7048.

St. Croix hair sheep, heat tolerant, parasite resistant, no shearing, mild flavored meat, excel. for Gulf South climate, reg. bucks, does neuters, \$150/1-up. Jeff Kuehny, Clinton, 70722; (225) 683-8585.

Percentage Boer male, 75%, (1) wh., w/red head, \$65; (1) wh., w/blk. head, \$65/1; percentage nannies, \$75/1. Raphael Johnson, Basile, 70515; (337) 432-5073.

Barbado sheep, (6) ewes, bred, \$45/1; (9) lambs, \$20/1. Ray Fontenot, DeRidder, 70634; (337) 463-5856.

Katahdin & Dorper mix, all from 100% Katahdin mothers, males & females, \$50-\$75/1. John Sellers, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-5113.

Mixed breed goats, males, \$35/1; females \$60/1. Ronald Saccar, Baton Rouge, 70818; (225) 261-3832.

Pb Katahdin ram, 200 lbs., \$100; young pb Katahdin males, \$50. Elvin Soileau, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-4094.

Young brush goat nanny, white, \$40. Justin LeBleu, Basile, 70515; (337) 432-5619.

NGPA reg. pygmy goat, male, blk. agouti, \$125. Mary Vidrine, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-1163.

Reg. Boer billy, 100%, kids to show, \$275; % Boer nannies, some bred, some w/kids, \$100/1-up. R. LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

Reg. 100% Boer buck, \$250; yg. 100% Boer bucks, \$150; yg. 100% Boer does, \$200; yg. percentages, \$100/1-up. P. Dunn, Lena, 71447; (318) 793-5410.

Several percentage March doelings, for sale, \$75/1. Bob Gary, Lake Charles, 70605; (337) 477-0551.

PIGEONS

Utility white kings, \$7.5/1; white racing homers, \$5/1; Birmingham rollers, \$5/1. Alex Prejean, Scott, 70583; (337) 896-6115.

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DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Mitred conure pr., \$550/pr.; cherryhead conure pr., \$500/pr.; lovebirds, many colors, peach-faced, pied, mask, violet, \$25/1-up; java rice birds, \$20/1-up. Becky Lafleur, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-1625.

Young cockatiels, all colors, \$35 & \$50/1. Pat Bordelon, Mansura, 71350; (318) 964-2191.

Cockatiels, \$35/1-up; breeders avail., white-faced gray, \$40/1; white-faced pearl, \$45/1; lutinos, albinos, cinns., all seamless banded & come w/papers. Samantha Ivy, Morgan City, 70380; (985) 631-3498.

Miniature macaws, hahns, 11 wks., mischievous, fun, great talkers, not overly demanding, playful & active, \$500. Darlene Covell, Scott, 70583; (337) 232-5347.

Hf Indian ringnecks, very sweet & tame, green, \$100; lutinos, \$150; albinos, \$200, will deal. Marie Layssard, Otis, 71466; (318) 793-4758.

Pair, proven Nanday conures, \$250; (1) proven Nanday conure male, \$150. Dana Cavalier, Pierre Part, 70339; (985) 252-6201.

Sun conure breeders, approx. 3-4 yrs., \$400/pr.; or (3) prs., \$1000; dbl. yellow-head breeder pr., \$1000. Mike Yglesias, Greenwell Springs, 70739; (225) 262-0954.

Quaker babies, out of the nest, \$50/1-up; umbrella cockatoo breeder, \$500; rainbow lorikeet breeder, \$450. Gayle Reynolds Creel, Maurepas, 70449; (225) 675-5292.

Gouldians, \$115/pr; orange-cheeks, \$20/1; spice, \$12/1; orange weavers, \$10/1; zebras, \$7/1; societies, \$5/1. Daniel Chauvin, Houma, 70364; (985) 876-7966.

Mated pr. of cockatiels, male pied & female pearl, w/cage, \$150. Bernard Darbonne, Pollock, 71467; (318) 765-9415.

Greenwing macaws, breeder pr., produced (2) babies 8/01, \$2500; blue & gold macaw, mature breeder male, \$650. Lennis Hebert, Duson, 70529; (337) 981-0574.

Hf plum heads, \$125/1; hf female mustache parrot, \$150/1; hf cockatiels, \$40/1. Andrew Nuschler, Covington, 70435; (985) 892-7631.

Cockatiel nest boxes, 10"x11"x10.5", \$10/1; lovebird nest boxes, 8"x8.5"x10", \$8/1; parakeet nest boxes, 6"x7"x7", \$7/1, or trade nest boxes for birds. Aaron Fuselier, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-5667.

Indian ringneck parakeets, proven turquoise lacewing cock, w/gray hen, \$600/pr., 1 yr. turquoise or creamino, \$150/1; 1 yr. blue-lacewing hen, \$550/1; green/blue, \$85/1; violet-dark green, \$1000/1; violets, \$2000/1. Kent Benton, Livingston, 70754; (225) 686-0248.

Ringneck doves, normals & whites, \$7.5 & \$10/1; proven mated prs., \$20 & \$40/pr., will

ship. Thomas Rowell, Crowley, 70526; (337) 783-5729.

Indian ringnecks, '03 hatch, gray, turquoise, blue & gray lacewings, \$100-\$750/1; hf sun conures, \$250/1. Donald Wease, Zachary, 70791; (225) 654-5154.

Chinese painted quail (buttons), all colors & sizes, \$3/1-up; laying prs., \$15/1; button chicks, \$1.5/1, must pick up. Darlene Richard, Sunset, 70584; (337) 662-6088.

Cockatiels, \$35/1-up, hf, ready in July; pr. eclectic, \$1300/pr; proven pr, B & G macaws, \$1800/pr. Mary Vidrine, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-1163.

Diamond dove, young pr. avail, \$20/1. Abraham Andrepoint, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-7187.

Budgies-parakeet babies, \$10/1; assorted Zebra finch, \$10/1, or \$40/6. S. Lachney, Alexandria, 71303; (318) 448-0644.

Diamond doves, blue white tail, silver white tail, yellow white tail, cinnamon white tail, red, all closed banded, \$20/1-up. Mervin Faul, Iowa, 70647; (337) 582-6674.

Congo African gray babies, \$500/1-up; (26) baby cockatiels, \$40/1-up; (2) blue ringnecks, male, 1 yr., \$225/1. G. Carrier, Port Barre, 70577; (337) 585-7145.

Wanted: gold-capped conure male. Dana Cavalier, Pierre Part, 70339; (985) 252-6201.

Wanted: ringneck or white doves, please contact giving number avail. & price per bird. Thomas Rowell, Crowley, 70526; (337) 783-5729.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

Bantams, red jungle fowl, blk. Sumatras, Egyptian Fayoumis, butercups, all pb, \$2/1-up. Hubert Soileau, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-1490.

½ Grown Cornish cross Rock chickens, \$3/1, call after 5 p.m. Justin McNeal, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-5759.

Wood ducks, \$30/pr.; silver teal, \$150/pr.; flying mallards, \$3-\$8/1. Mike Yglesias, Denham Springs, 70739; (225) 262-0954.

Baby Chicks, 5 breeds of bantams & polish, 1 day-3 weeks, \$2/1; 4-6 weeks, \$3/1. Vicki Froust, Aimell, 71401; (318) 992-0080.

Baby Muscovy ducks, \$3/1. W. Vetsch, New Orleans, 70124; (504) 482-2662.

Old English B. B. red bantam chicks, out of small stock, \$1.5/1-up; young dark Cornish bantams, \$3/1. J. LeBleu, Basile, 70515; (337) 432-5619.

Bantams, silver sebright, \$3/1-up; mixed bantams, \$3/1-up; silver sebright laying hens, \$10/1, or \$15/pr. J. L. Duplechin, Gonzales, 70737; (225) 644-5407.

5 Kinds of pb bantams, \$5/roosters; \$7/hens; male mallards, \$5/1. Bernard Darbonne, Pollock, 71467; (318) 765-9415.

Araucana roosters, 1 yr., all colors, \$5/1. Allen Dugas, Tickfaw, 70466; (985) 542-0252.

White mute swan, mature male, \$300, or swap for female mute swan. Joel Pigott, Pearl River, 70452; (985) 863-5008.

(2) GQF incubators, \$350/1; (1) hatcher, \$250. Ken Hodges, Wakefield, 70784; (225) 635-4259 or (225) 343-1160.

GQF/Dickey cabinet incubators, automatic turning trays, electronic thermostats, sell, \$350/1; hatcher, \$200; dehumidifier, \$100; infrared egg candles, \$500; HEPA air cleaner, \$50. Roger Maduell, Amite, 70422; (985) 747-8310.

Red sex links, barred rocks, buff orpingtons, bantam chicks, \$1.75/1; 2-4 mos., \$4/1; 5 mos. & older, \$5/1; mallard ducklings, \$3/1; grown, \$5/1. Wade Sullivan, Castor, 71016; (318) 544-2855.

Young mallard ducks, babies to mature flyers, year round supply, \$3.5-\$8/1. Jennifer Young, Zachary, 70791; (225) 654-3264 or (225) 445-5012.

African, white Chinese, Enden & Toulouse geese, \$20/1; turkeys, \$45/pr; rowen & flying mallard ducks, \$10-\$12/1. David Daniels, Sr., Hebert, 71418; (318) 248-2780.

Pb bantams chicks, (10) kinds, \$1.5/1-up; mallard ducklings, \$3/1-up; baby guineas, \$2/1-up. W. Lee Wise, Saline, 71070; (318) 576-3220.

Assorted bantams, small type, all colors, ¾ grown, \$2-\$3/1; full grown Peking ducks, \$5/1, call between 10 a.m.- 9 p.m., Terry Lambert, Erath, 70533; (337) 937-4169.

Button quail, \$3/1-up; laying prs., \$15/pr.; Pharaoh quail chicks, 30¢/1; A & M/English white mixed chicks, 30¢/1; good layers, large meat birds, \$22/doz. Bruce Richard, Sunset, 70584; (337) 662-6088.

Pharaoh & golden Manchurian also white quail chicks, 25¢/1. Patti Arnold, Cecilia, 70521; (337) 667-6632.

Super large quail hatching eggs, \$25/100, plus \$12 S & H; live birds, 75¢/1-up; dressed quail, \$23/doz.; pickled eggs, \$4/pt. G. R. Chauvin, Schriever, 70395; (985) 448-3360.

(6) Feed bins, \$600/1; (3) Ziggity waterers, \$3000/1; Big Dutchman feed lines, \$3000/1; Housekeeper model #3, \$5000; brooders, new, \$30/1; old, \$15/1; (3) curtain machine, \$350/1; (3) houses, \$5000/1. Terry Cracker, Calhoun, 71225; (318) 396-2767.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Only trained farm stockdogs or offspring from trained stockdogs are eligible to be advertised. Include dog's breeding and special training or ability that qualifies it as a stockdog. A signed statement must accompany each notice indicating these facts before the ad can be published.

Catahoula pup, male, off working stock, reg., had all shots, only couple left, \$125. Connie Wheat, Denham Springs, 70726; (225) 664-9195.

World champ. bred border collie pups, sire is '00 world champ. cowdog Rockin G Spurs, dam is

Kit, '01 novice champ., GCSA & littermate to Mack, '02 world champ. cowdog, WCDA started, ABC reg. 7 wks., \$450/1. Mickey Thibodeaux, Greenwell Springs, 70739; (225) 261-3886.

Border collie at stud, Mack, '02 world champ. cowdog, WCDA started, reserve champ. open dog of the yr., GCSA & 5th place in '01 LSCD Futurity, ABC reg., \$400/stud fee. Bettie Thibodeaux, Greenwell Springs, 70739; (225) 261-3886.

Fb Australian Shepherd pups, born Easter Sun., many colors to choose from, tail already docked, males & females, parents on premises, \$100/1. Bridgete Richards, Independence, 70443; (985) 320-9836.

Reg. Catahoula cur pups, Justin McNeal, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-5759.

Reg. 4 yr. border collie, w/2 mos. training on cattle, works good, \$350; 14 mo. female, \$150. Jay Berza, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-8278.

SWINE

#1 hogs, 200-240 lbs., grain fed, \$95/1-up; feeder pigs, \$25/1-up; baby pot bellies, \$30. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa, 70527; (985) 735-9671.

Feeder/weanling pigs, weanling to 200 lbs., corn fed on concrete, \$35/1-up. J. B. Richard, Scott, 70583; (337) 269-1755.

DEER & EXOTICS

Rocky Mt. elk, male or female, 1-3 yrs., \$1000/1-up. Ivan Edwards, Ringgold, 71068; (318) 894-9586.

Water Buffalo, 8 yr. steer, 2500 lbs., trained to pull bobby, plow & saddle broke, very gentle, comes w/trailer, saddle & harness, \$2000. Frank Louviere, Sulphur, 70665; (337) 558-5863.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

Herd reduction, Netherland dwarf, Jersey wooly, Holland lop & mini lop, brood does & bucks, all from show stock, \$10-\$30/1. Jackie Hernandez, Church Point, 70525; (337) 684-6958.

Meat rabbits, fryers & roasters, \$7/1. Darrick Neale, Denham Springs, 70726; (225) 664-8336.

Ped./Non ped. seed stock, New Zealand whites & mini rexes, \$10/1. Dextel Terrebonne, Gibson, 70356; (985) 868-2693.

New Zealand wh., mixed bred rabbits, 8-10 lbs., males & females, \$15/1. Bruce Batiste, Sr., Slidell, 70460; (985) 639-9770.

Peb. checkered giants, 6-12 wks., \$20/1-up; Flemish crosses,

\$10/1; dwarfs & mixes, \$10/1-up. Wallace Smith, Cut Off, 70345; (985) 632-4749.

Wanted: breeder rabbits, New Zealand, California, will pay up to \$10/1. Darrick Neale, Denham Springs, 70726; (225) 664-8336.

Wanted: New Zealands, Californias & mix breeds, 8 lbs. & up. Wade Rodi, Braithwaite, 70040; (504) 682-0726.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Bass, 60¢/1; bluegill, 20¢/1; crappie, 30¢/1; Chinquapin, 30¢/1; catfish, 20¢/1; hybrids, 25¢/1; carp, \$9/1; minnows, \$8/lb. del. avail. Frank Book, Shreveport, 71107; (318) 929-4251.

Bluegill 20¢/1; hybrid bluegill, 25¢/1; Chinquapin bream, 25¢/1; channel catfish, 20¢/1; Koi, 50¢/1-up; bass, 50¢/1-up, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden, 71055; (318) 377-1525.

BEES/HONEY

Complete beekeeping operation, (4) hives, no bees, (2) extractors, lots of equipment & materials, too much to list, \$1100. Carl Reece, Gilliam, 71029; (318) 222-8400 or (318) 296-4296.

Honey for sale, \$6/qt., or \$20/gal., 3:30-7:00 p.m. weekdays, all day Sat. & Sun. Danny Head, Baton Rouge, 70818; (225) 261-8510.

Wanted: 15-20 supers w/drawn frames, clean, ready to use as brood super or honey production, preferably in central La. area. Stafford Holland, Bunkie, 71322; (318) 346-7993.

RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

Rapides Parish, 10 acres, good for horses, w/¾-acre stocked pond, w/Florida bass & hybrid blue gill, mature pecans, 3/2 Acadian home, gated entrance, metal workshop, \$225,000. Lee Price, Alexandria, 71302; (318) 443-5782.

Rapides Parish, 190 acres, improved pastureland, fenced & cross-fenced, large steel catch pen, road frontage on blacktop, 4 miles from LSUA, \$1200/acre. David Bodie, Alexandria, 71302; (318) 448-4178.

Red River Parish, 110 acres, home, barns, improved pastures, ponds, fenced, cross-fenced, can be

divided, \$220,000. David Williams, Ringgold, 71068; (318) 932-4482.

Jackson Parish, 19.86 acres, \$40,000, ideal for new poultry houses, already has all utilities, price may vary if poultry equip. included. Terry Cracker, Calhoun, 71225; (318) 396-2767.

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Blueberries, U-pick, \$1.5/lb., we pick, \$3/lb. James Robin, Sr., Opelousas, 70570; (337) 407-0188.

U-Pick blueberries, \$1.5/lb., mid May until early July. Chris Disher, Broussard, 70518; (337) 280-6919.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

Cowhorn okra, \$5/lb. Gerald Cox, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-4473.

Gourds, large birdhouse, dipper & cushaw, crookneck, green stripe, \$1.5/30 seeds, w/SASE. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, La., 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Puerto Rico & Beauregard sweet potato plants, \$30/1000, plus shipping. Brown McLemore, Gilbert, 71336; (318) 435-6833.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Sawtooth oaks, \$5/1. Gerald Cox, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-4473.

Pecan trees, \$12.5-\$25/1; pears, peaches & plums, \$10/1; suitable for South La., oak birch, maples, cypress, \$10/1. Brad Theall, Carencro, 70520; (337) 278-7405.

Southern magnolia, \$10/3-gal.; Japanese plum, \$8/3-gal.; Japanese yew, \$5-\$10, by size; dwarf pomegranate, \$12/3-gal.; red amaryllis, \$2-\$12, by size; wax myrtle, \$8/5-gal.; monkey grass, \$1/3 qt.; burford & Chinese holly, \$4/1-gal. James Stelly, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-4528.

Mayhaw trees, large fruited varieties, Mexican plum, red mulberry, Chickasaw plum, crabapple, catalpa, native magnolia, burr oak, \$7-\$25/1. Kent Benton, Livingston, 70754; (225) 686-0248.

Pecan trees, Elliott, 2 yrs., \$30/10-gal.; shumard oak, 4 yrs., \$35/15-gal.; river birch, \$6/3-gal. James Robin, Sr., Opelousas, 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Fig trees, 2 yrs., \$9.5/3-gal., at place, 8 varieties, SASE for list. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

HAY & GRAIN

2003 Fertilized clover & grass hay, w/o rain, \$2.75/1; older hay, \$1.5-\$2.5/1. Harold Loewer, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-4487.

June 2003 round bales of Alicia/Bahia/Tifton 44, \$27.5/bale, hauling avail. L. W. Ward, Saline, 71070; (318) 576-3389 or (318) 576-9913.

Bahia, \$2.5/1; Alicia, pure, \$3.5/1; wheat straw, \$2.5/1; Bahia 5' x 5' rd. bales, \$25-\$30/1. David Fontenot, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-4334 or (337) 363-3523.

2003 Bahia & Jiggs Bermuda 4' x 6' round bales, \$20/Bahia, \$30/Jiggs, will del. \$5/bale. Donald Crawford, Broussard, 70518; (337) 989-9675.

Homemade cattle feed, 12% protein, \$4.35-\$4.90/50 lb. sack. J. C. Landreneau, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-6088.

Fertilized hay, no weeds, Bahia grass, fields pre-pepped for square bales, buy behind baler, \$2.5, out of barn, \$3. Joe Tantillo, Albany, 70711; (985) 419-0960 or (985) 974-1933.

Kansas Alfalfa hay, horse quality, \$8/bale, or (50) bales or more, \$7.5/bale. Ivan Edwards, Ringgold, 71068; (318) 894-9586.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

4', 3 pt. hitch finishing mower, great shape, \$600. Melissa Henry, Patterson, 70392; (985) 395-6015.

JD manure spreader, model #34, completely rebuilt, needs minor work to complete, excel. cond., \$3000 obo. T. Miller, Arnaudville, 70512; (337) 232-9610 (day) or (337) 662-5037 (after 6 p.m.).

JD 7400 cab trac., 105 hp, excel. cond., low hrs., \$29,500. E. Miller, Arnaudville, 70512; (337) 232-9610 (day) or (337) 662-5037 (after 6 p.m.).

MF 240 trac., w/front-end loader, \$11,500; DEL hyd. lift gate, for pickup truck, \$500. Bill Pellerin, Alexandria, 71303; (318) 445-1907.

(2) Farmall cub trac., (1) w/belly mower, (1) w/factory belly/grader blade, \$1750/1 or \$3000/both; JD 1942 GM hand cranker, \$5500 or trade for good utility trac. Vince Gavin, Leesville, 71446; (337) 392-0908.

3 pt. hitch, 6' Landpride finish mower, purchased new in '99, very good cond., kept inside when not in use, \$1200. James Ducote, Bueche, 70729; (225) 627-5771.

424 IH trac. & bush hog, \$3200. J. C. Dupre, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 942-1737.

Ronake rice cart, 70 barrel, good cond., \$1200. Cleveland Thibodeaux, Rayne, 70578; (337) 334-7842.

JD 720, 2-cyl. gas trac., Farmall Super A & Farmall Super A.V. high crop trac., all run well, \$2000/1. Kenneth Perrodin, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-0566.

8' Pull-behind cutter, \$300. Gerald Cox, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-4473.

IH field cult., 16', good cond., \$600; JD chisel plow, 19', good cond., \$6500. Zan Dupre, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-2716 or (337) 550-0104.

A/V Farmall, w/all tools, \$2000. Terry Grady, Batchelor, 70715; (225) 492-3211.

Vicon, 5' disc mower, used very little, in new cond., 105 hrs., \$2700. Eugene Baudouin, Hahnville, 70057; (985) 783-2229.

Hay cutter, Vicon, good cond., \$1750; 605C Vermeer baler, some new belts & bearings, kept under shed, field ready, \$1400. Paul Guillory, Lecompte, 71346; (318) 449-1751.

MF 243 exhaust, porcelain coated for durability, \$150. Dextel Terrebonne, Gibson, 70356; (985) 209-0026 or (985) 868-2693.

6600 Ford trac., good rubber, excel. cond., \$13,000, Ingersol Rand 160 CFM compressor, portable, gas, w/sandblast pot hoses & nozzles, \$3500; Claas square hay baler, commercial, \$3500. H. L. Paulk, Deville, 71328; (318) 443-8925.

Miller Bobcat 250 welding machine, like brand new, only 30 hrs., on trailer, w/tool box & Dewalt chop saw, \$3500. Ryan Campbell, Kaplan, 70548; (337) 643-6490 or (337) 643-3619.

Long, model 2460, 42 hp, diesel trac., w/front-end loader, like new, 294 hrs., 1 owner, excel. cond., \$12,000. Marvin Stanton, Oakdale, 71463; (318) 335-0308 or (318) 634-5959.

Int. 130 low crop, 3 pt. hitch, front cult. frame, \$1500; planter & fertilizer to fit similar trac., \$400. Leroy Dutresne, Vacherie, 70090; (225) 265-2770.

1967 Cub Lo-Boy, yellow & white, w/4', (3) blade belly mower, excel., 1950 red cub w/front & rear cults., \$2150/1. J. E. Manuel, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-5917.

IH 5488 trac., new engine, new tires, w/duals & cab/ac, \$14,000; 7' Servis, heavy-duty, pull type cutter, excel. shape, \$1000; IH V subsoiler, 7 shanks, \$500. James Stacy, Natchitoches, 71457; (318) 352-3692.

1973 Long 350 trac., 35 hp, w/5' Woods bush hog, \$2300. Tommy Spears, Pitkin, 70656; (318) 358-3105.

8N Ford, good cond., \$2000; red cub trac., runs, needs work, \$500; 24" sod cutter, 3 pt. hitch, \$150. Ronnie Burr, Vidalia, 71373; (318) 336-5858.

1981 Cub Cadet, model 682, not running, good for parts, starter missing, deck has few rust holes, but solid, 2 manuals & new belts, \$50. Steve Auman, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-8767.

240 MF, diesel, 40 hp, kept under barn, \$10,000; 2-row cult., ideal for garden, hooks to 3 pt. hitch, \$250. Ernest Webb, Choudrant,

71227; (318) 768-2685.

7' Bush hog, \$800. J. Navratilova, Baton Rouge, 70817; (225) 752-7992.

Case 580-K backhoe, 4300 hrs., runs great, \$16,500. Skip Russell, Ruston, 71270; (318) 548-5050.

Kelly loader, 5' bucket, new cylinder, joystick control & mounts, \$750; Terrain King sidewinder bush hog, w/mounts, PTO pump, \$400. Jonny Fryar, Tullos, 71479; (318) 534-6102.

MF 165 diesel trac., 56 hp, new rear tires, new seat, canopy & steel protection under trac., 1 owner, garage kept, 3980 hrs., runs good, \$4500. Richard Reed, Independence, 70443; (985) 878-2330.

Lawn boy, 18 hp, 48" trac. mower, needs trans., \$150 obo. Karen Mixon, Baton Rouge, 70818; (225) 261-3367.

50s Farmall cub, w/belly mower, (4) new tires, \$1200. D. A. Trumps, Lake Charles, 70605; (337) 478-3240.

Forklift mask, w/forks & side shifts, can be adapted to fit 3 pt. hitch, \$650. Paul Dupuis, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-8469.

IH 484 diesel, with p/s, \$5400; JD 375 rd. baler, w/feeder wheels, \$3800; Kuhn 10 tedder, \$1200; NH 849 rd. baler, \$2495; JD 4020 diesel, new paint, \$7500; NH 845 rd. baler, \$1800; 1920 NH 4x4, w/loader, '98 model, \$11,500. R. Coldiron, Jonesville, 71343; (318) 339-7876.

JD 5410, 4 wd, front-end loader, w/canopy, excel. cond., 1500 hrs., \$24,000. Charles Ponthier, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-8490.

10-Wheel carted JD hay rake, \$2500; 17' NH fluffer, \$2200. Danny Jones, Florien, 71429; (318) 586-4225.

1973 JD 4030, 80 hp, diesel, runs great, good tires, 3 pt. hitch, dual remote hyd., syncro-range 8 spd. trans. & 4-post canopy, \$10,000 obo. Landon Richards, Greenwell Springs, 70739; (225) 658-0357 or (225) 939-6203.

Farmall cub, red, w/Woods mower, good cond., \$1450; Massey Harris pony, w/hydraulics, runs, for parts or restore, \$450. T. Herrington, Kentwood, 70444; (985) 229-5156.

JD model 70, diesel trac., 3 pt. hitch, \$1500; JD 620, new paint, engine overhaul, p/s, 3 pt. hitch, excel. cond., \$3500. Brett Frazier, Kentwood, 70444; (985) 514-0418.

MF 165 diesel trac., 65 hp, reconditioned, \$6995. Edward Zisk, Pearl River, 70452; (985) 863-7909.

Tool bar, middle buster & row hillers, for cub trac., \$200/all. Grover Stephens, Baton Rouge, 70818; (225) 261-2340.

JD 4200, diesel, with front loader & 6' finish mower, will sell just tractor & loader, \$13,200/all. Mitchell Crowder, Denham Springs, 70726; (225) 665-8726.

New 7000 lb. axle, 8 lugs per hub, \$250. Loyton Courville, Sunset, 70584; (337) 662-3758.

IH sickle bar mower, 6' & 7' bar,

has been modified to fit utility trac., \$150. Brit D'Amico, Baton Rouge, 70817; (225) 752-9579.

9N Ford, new engine, clutch, radiator, fuel tank, coil, distributor, carburetor, manifold, wiring harness, gauges, grill, front fenders, 5' bush hog, Kelly plow, \$3000 obo. Edward Boudreaux, Iota, 70543; (337) 824-1708 or (337) 526-0185.

IH cub, yellow & wh., w/42" Woods belly mower, good cond., \$1750; Ford 3400 industrial diesel, w/5' bush hog, good cond., \$5000. Mercer Dupree, Coushatta, 71019; (318) 932-5927.

Hayfork, w/3 pt. hitch, \$100; 5' spike harrow, 3 pt. hitch, \$175. M. J. Montagnino, Zachary, 70791; (225) 654-2473.

Cub trac., w/belly mower & garden tools, runs good, \$2200; cub trac., w/mower, drag disc, etc., good cond., \$1800. J. B. Crowder, Glenmora, 71433; (318) 748-8662.

JD 4020 trac., w/canopy, good cond., 38" tires, all lights & gauges work, \$8500, firm. David Fontenot, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-4334 or (337) 363-3523.

Kuhn GMD 600-GII HD, 8' hay cutter, less than 100 acres cut, \$4500. Joe Dupuy, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-2813 or (985) 748-1078.

Ford 3000 diesel trac., 8 spd., p/s, 40 PTO hp, \$4900; Ford 3000 diesel trac., 8 spd. 40 PTO hp, \$4200. J. Guillot, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4776.

15' Batwing pasture clipper, Bush Hog brand, pasture ready, \$2875. Carroll Gueho, Baton Rouge, 70808; (225) 766-2363.

Yellow & wh. Farmall cub mowing trac., has belly mower, runs good, \$2000; yellow & wh. cub low boy, runs good, \$1200. John Donaghey, Doyline, 71023; (318) 745-2639.

JD 1010 trac., 1965 model, 30 hp, gasoline engine, 4 cyl., starts but needs carburetor work, gunked up from setting up too long, \$1800. Roger Maduell, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-5596.

MF 236 front-end loader, PTO pump or aux. hookup, w/new dual control valve, 6' bucket included, \$1800 obo. C. A. O'Neill, Jr., Holden, 70744; (225) 777-4415.

Crustbuster grain drill, excel. cond., \$1500; W & A 8-row hipper, w/orthman row makers, \$2600; irrigation pumps, 6" x 8" trailer mounted, PTO driven, \$1500. Bobby Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

Holland 1-row sweet potato planter, \$500. L. Sarver, Crowley, 70526; (337) 783-1275.

JD 4840, cab, cold air, p/s, duals, weights, tank rack, tank, extra clean, \$16,000; parabolic subsoiler, \$500. John Stewart, Farmerville, 71241; (318) 368-2651.

6-row Chattanooga crop maker cult., \$475; 6-row Barrentine harrow, 3 pt. hitch, \$200; 6-row Taylorway cult., 3 pt. hitch w/fenders, \$450; 6-row Glenco cult., w/gauge wheels, \$450; 110-gal. chem. tank, \$45; pasture cutter, 5', 3 pt. hitch, \$275; 6-row, Afco

Flame cult., \$250. A. J. Bradley, Transylvania, 71286; (318) 552-6265.

Ferguson ditching devil, 3 pt. hitch, good, \$550; 6-row Barrentine harrow, 3 pt. hitch, \$200; 6-row Chattanooga, crop maker cult., \$475. Michael Bradley, Transylvania, 71286; (318) 552-7718.

6-Row rolling cult., w/sweeps, \$500; 6-row crop maker, 20" sweeps & spray, \$300; 6 shank sub soiler, on 40" centers, \$300; JD 95R combine fixer-upper or parts, \$300. Percell Green, Rayville, 71269; (318) 728-6966.

JD 9910, 2-row cotton picker, recent overhaul on heads, \$3500; 6-row cult. fenders & overhead spray & spray for middles, \$350; 6-row lay by spray for middles, \$100; 40' spray boom, 3 pt. hitch, \$200. Judy Green, Rayville, 71269; (318) 728-6966.

Diesel storage tank overhead, 10,000 gals., \$1500, for sale or trade. Doug Winn, Bastrop, 71220; (318) 281-7271.

JD 850 diesel, 1500 hrs., excel. cond., \$5800. Mack Saacks, Folsom, 70437; (985) 796-5456.

4' Bush hog, deck rotted out, JD brand, \$100. Rogers Dehart, Jr., Gibson, 70356; (985) 575-3410.

1953 JD MT, excel. cond., runs perfect, new tires, good paint, need to sell, no shed, \$3500. Stafford Boone, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-7980.

6' bush hog, \$100. Lee Cook, Husser, 70442; (985) 748-7043.

Wanted: small trac., 18-24 hp, tires must be 36" center to center, for 3-row. Charlene Olivier, Arnaudville, 70512; (800) 874-9323.

Wanted: JD or Ford trac., w/front-end loader, late model 1990 or newer, low hrs., good cond., 50-60 hp. G. H. Storey, Simsboro, 71275; (318) 263-8197.

Wanted: MF 230 trac., for parts, need motor & fuel tank, will overhaul motor. Lloyd Holland, Ragley, 70657; (337) 666-2662.

Wanted: 15' batwing shredder, excel. cond., no more than 3 or 4 yrs. Loyton Courville, Sunset, 70584; (337) 662-3758.

Wanted: 6' or 5', 3 pt. tiller, & 6', 3 point disc. Haywood Faulk, Maurice, 70555; (337) 893-6631.

Wanted: JD 1010, w/farm cult. arms on unit, if not will consider, running or not. Alanzo McCrory, Ponchatoula, 70454; (985) 386-8356.

Wanted: used 3 pt. post-hole digger, seed spreader & used railroad ties. Joel Carney, Lafayette, 70508; (337) 993-0728.

Wanted: Taylor Way 200181, 16' plow & Detroit 471, 4 valve or Detroit 671, 4 valve, Detroit V871. K. Navarre, Crowley, 70526; (337) 783-6434.

Wanted: 9' Krone or Kuhn hay cutter & 15' Rhino or Bush Hog brand bush hog. Fred Lucky, Bossier, 71112; (318) 747-1873.

Wanted: 7' shredder, heavy-duty, must be in good cond. Malcolm LaJaunie, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-6401.

Wanted: JD A, B & L trac., in rough to restorable cond., preferably early 1940s, looking for a good motor for a ZH 300 utility also. Vince, Gavin, Leesville, 71446; (337) 392-0908.



Combo winch/bumper to fit 1988 4 wd Toyota, \$100; (4) 16" factory rims & tires off 2001 ¾-ton Chevrolet, \$100. Wayne Hunter, Logansport, 71049; (318) 697-5971.

1997 Ford 350, 4 door, gas, 168,000 miles, good cond., \$5500. Brian Johnson, St. Landry, 71367; (318) 838-2919.

1976 Ford tandem grain truck, steel bed & sides, good tires & hyd. dump, runs but motor is bad, \$1200. Mitch Parrott, Mamou, 70554; (337) 363-0321 or (337) 523-3407.

Fruehauf box van 48'x102", road ready or cheap storage, 80% tires & brakes, \$4250, Mike Towns, Arcadia, 71001; (318) 263-3000.

1996 Dodge dooley, 5 spd. Cummings diesel 4x4, white, 150K miles, maintained, \$13,000. Steve Towns, Arcadia, 71001; (318) 548-8503.

1989 Chevrolet 1-ton crew cab dually, blk., rigged for 5th wheel, engine knocks, \$2000 obo. Karen Mixon, Baton Rouge, 70818; (225) 261-3367.

Iron bob-tail truck bed, 13' 6" x 7' 7", 3' 5" deep, good for 14' flat bed trailer, to haul bulk grain, \$400, nego. Clifford Courville, Jennings, 70546; (337) 824-1447.

1997 GMC Sonoma pickup truck, standard trans., a/c, good cond., \$4500. Albert Higginbotham, Washington, 70589; (337) 585-6423.

Fifth wheel bed floor plate, w/2-5/16 ball (28" wide, 42" long, ½" thick), \$150. Ray Benoit, Lafayette, 70517; (337) 332-4813.



S & H bumper pull 2-horse trailer, 1991, no rust, excel. cond., \$2000. M. Duke, Ventress, 70783; (225) 618-2483.

Gooseneck trailer, tandem, flatbed, 6' 2"x20', 10,000 lbs. cap., elec. brakes, new tires, w/loading ramps, good cond., \$1650; flatbed trailer, 7' 2" x 12", tandem, bumper pull, fair cond., \$250. Russell Bonnet, Scott, 70583; (337) 235-1296.

(1) 40'x 8'x 8' cotton trailer, heavy-duty, good cond., \$1350; (2) 34'x 8'x6', cotton trailers, real good, \$425/1; 1000-gal. A. A. tank, on 4-wheel trailer, \$395. A. J. Bradley, Transylvania, 71286; (318) 552-6265.

6-Horse side by side, 5th wheel hookup, Hale horse trailer, \$1500 obo. Karen Mixon, Baton Rouge, 70818; (225) 261-3367.

WW aluminum 3-horse slant horse trailer, w/dressing room, excel. cond., \$8200. Barry Landry, St. Martinville, 70582; (337) 365-8983.

2002 Stock trailer, heavy-duty, 16', wide inside, bumper pull, treated flooring, inside lighting, spare tire, heavy axles, buddy bearings, \$3950. R. LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

1996 Parker 24' flatbed gooseneck trailer, 2-single axles, new brakes, \$2700. DeWayne Travis, Clinton, 70732; (225) 683-5336 or (225) 683-5184.

(35) Cotton trailers, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, for hauling hay or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail., \$500-\$1450. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island, 71368; (318) 389-5395.

2002 Circle W, 16' stock trailer, w/metal top, excel. cond., barely used, many extras, \$5000 obo. Jamie Miller, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 506-3993.

1991 Mate trailer, 38', alum. dump, air ride, 3-way gate, full tarp, \$16,000. Vince Larussa, Loranger, 70446; (985) 878-4571.

Sooner Legend 600, alum. gooseneck horse trailer, slant 6, w/air conditioned tack room, \$19,500 obo. Deborah Parsons, Maurice, 70555; (337) 981-6226.

1-Horse covered wagon, rubber tires, good cond., \$800. Donnie Warren, Jonesboro, 71251; (318) 259-8923.

1997 WW bumper pull 3-horse slant load trailer, front dressing area, saddle rack, blanket rack, new tires, \$2500. Bryant Pierce, Lockport, 70374; (985) 693-8257.

8' x 20' flatbed gooseneck trailer, w/(2) 7000 lb. axles, road ready, \$1675. Carroll Gueho, Baton Rouge, 70808; (225) 766-2363.

(2) Horse WW trailer, 1988, needs some repairs, \$800. Roger Dehart, Jr., Gibsorn, 70356; (985) 575-3410.

Gooseneck brand cattle trailer, 6' 8" wide x 20' long, w/2-partition gates, like new, kept in shed, pulled less than 4000 miles, \$4800. Lee Cook, Husser, 70442; (985) 748-7043.

19' Falcon gooseneck car hauler, dovetail, w/ramps & elec. brakes, \$1800; 24' Falcon gooseneck, 10K axle flatbed trailer, elec. brakes, 10' deck over neck, 2 spare tires, 4' side rails, \$5500. Ivan Edwards, Ringgold, 71068; (318) 894-9586.

Wanted: saddle & tack standing box for stock trailer. Jason Taylor, Merryville, 70653; (337) 825-3872.



2 3/8" tubing, 75¢/ft.; 2 7/8" tubing, 80¢/ft.; 3 ½" tubing, 90¢/ft.; 7" casing, \$5/ft.; 8 5/8" casing, \$6/ft. Gene Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

Herford/Imperial saddle, 16" seat, lots of silver, excel. cond., sad-

dle always kept in house when not in use, \$600. Gayle Romero, New Iberia, 70560; (337) 364-9100.

2002 Honda rancher, 4x4, 350 ES, green, 33 hours, 305 miles, floorboards, speedometer, odometer, showroom cond., comes w/truck ramps, \$3500 neg. Chris Gremillion, Metairie, 70001; (504) 427-0306.

Tips pro wet/dry pressure sand blaster, w/patented cougar valve, used once, like new, cost over \$400, now only \$250. Charles Williams, New Orleans, 70124; (504) 482-4990.

Round pen, constructed of fiberglass material, each panel is 5' x 12', 50' round pen, w/o bow gate, \$995; add panels as needed for, \$77/1. Larry Fontenot, Lake Charles, 70611; (337) 855-0629.

Fiberglass farm gates, \$73/10'; \$79/12'. Deb Fontenot, Lake Charles, 70611; (337) 855-0629.

Squeeze head gate, very good cond., \$125. Jamie Miller, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 506-3993.

New corral panels, 5 x 10, \$40; 4' walk-through gate, \$75; 6' walk-through gate, \$95; 50' rd. pen, w/4' walk-through gate, \$675. Carl Barlow, Pride, 70770; (225) 603-5610.

Fence wire, 2" x 4" horse wire, 6' high, heavy gauge twisted wire, 210' roll, \$150; 150' roll, \$110. Roger Maduell, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-5596.

500-Gal. propane tank, used for gas & diesel, \$100. Clifford Courville, Jennings, 70546; (337) 824-1447.

400'- 5" heavy wall pipe, \$3.5/ft.; 900 joints ¾" sucker rods, \$8/1, at farm; \$9/1, delivered. T. L. Enright, Sicily Island, 71368; (318) 389-5395.

Dump scale for weighing grain, 360-600 lb. capacity, per minute, \$100; cattle self feeders, on skids, 2000 & 4000 lb. cap., never used, \$385 & \$675. J. C. Landreneau, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-6088.

New galv. panels, w/mud boots, 40' rd. pen, \$525; 50' rd. pen, \$625; 60' round pen, \$775; all include 4' bow gate. Michael Passman, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-5094.

Portable loading chute, rebuilt on powder river axles, \$500; cypress & pine lumber, over 100 yrs., \$100. James Stacy, Natchitoches, 71457; (318) 352-3692.

Brand new, 5000 watt, portable diesel generator, elec. start, 120 & 240 plugs, cost over \$5000, sell, \$2500; Honda power washer, very stout, old but runs great, \$150. Wayne Hunter, Logansport, 71049; (318) 697-5971.

"T" post, used tin, (25) posts, \$1/1; (40) sheets tin, 8'-10' long, \$1/1; 10' galv. pipe, 1 ¼", 1 ½", \$2.5/1. Ron Ortego, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-0927.

Heartwood Comm. band saw, 2-way cut, 6" dbl. edged blade, 80 hp Perkins diesel, tandem axles, portable mill, 500 hrs., \$29,500. Herbert LeJeune, Oakdale, 71463; (337) 639-2953.

Sausage stuffer, cast iron, \$225. Curtis Stelly, Fordoche, 70732; (225) 637-3375.

Several sheets of used tin, 2 ½" corrugated, 12' long, \$2/1. Russell

Bonnet, Scott, 70583; (337) 235-1296.

Cattle guard, 8' x 22', pipe over I-beam, \$500. Paul Guillory, Lecompte, 71346; (318) 449-1751.

Taylor generator, 100 kw, \$11,000. Terry Cracker, Calhoun, 71225; (318) 396-2767.

55-Gal. metal drums, w/lids, \$7/1. M. J. Montagnino, Zachary, 70791; (225) 654-2473.

Courts roping saddle, 16" seat, rawhide covered tree, extra nice, like new, \$400; Big Horn blk. parade saddle, 15" seat, lots of silver & tappaderos, matching silver breast collar, very good cond., \$450. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite, 70422; (985) 748-5556.

Harrisburg centrifugal pump, 8" suction, 6" discharge, mechanical seal, excel. shape, can be used for pumping sandy crawfish pond, use w/trac. or engine, \$900. Edward Boudreaux, Iota, 70543; (337) 824-1708 or (337) 526-0185.

Brand new old English cart, never used, cost, \$2500, will sell for \$1200. Skip Russell, Ruston, 71270; (318) 548-5050.

32" Steel truss, \$35/1; steel pipe, all sizes, (3) ironworkers for shop, \$250/all obo. Gerald Gulotta, Independence, 70443; (504) 491-6148.

1500-Gal. diesel fuel tank, \$800 obo. Ivan Edwards, Ringgold, 71068; (318) 894-9586.

Headgate, Powder River brand, automatic, good cond., \$250. Faith Calbeck, Alexandria, 71302; (318) 443-2231.

Wanted: old brick, w/names on them, look in your flowerbed or patio, cash paid. John Letard, Osyka, MS, 39657; (601) 542-5909.

Wanted: used portable bucking chutes & squeeze chute. Ronnie Daniels, Hammond, 70403; (225) 294-2402.

Wanted: Bob Marshall sports saddle, 14 ½" or 15" seat, square or round skirt, in good cond. Kim Howell, Hinston, 71438; (318) 793-8587.

Wanted: used horse walker, in good cond., call after 6 p.m. Tim Rogers, Lettsworth, 70753; (225) 492-2478.

Wanted: someone who fixes rubber camper tops. R. Perioux, St. Martinville, 70582; (337) 394-8807.

Wanted: large cattle guard, must be in good cond. Earline Sharp, Walker, 70785; (225) 665-4268.

Wanted: water well drilling equipment. Edger Fowler, Pineville, 71360; (318) 445-2977.



Please include a statement along with your ad indicating how the item has been or can be used on a farm.

Wanted: old grist mill or mill stones, any size. Richard Eaves, Demopolis, AL, 36732; (334) 289-8906.

Wanted: old postcards, letters, sheet music, old bills & recipes from early 1900s. John LeTard, Osyka, MS, 39657; (601) 542-5909.

Foster wins USDA award

Director of the Louisiana Market News Program Dave Foster has been awarded the 2003 Civil Rights Award sponsored by the Livestock and Seed Program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Barry Carpenter, deputy administrator of the Livestock and Seed Program, presented Foster with the award in Washington, D.C. last month.

Commissioner Bob Odom nominated Foster for his career-long work involving Southern University.

Foster, a 25-year veteran with the USDA, was instrumental in setting up an agreement between Southern University, USDA and the Agriculture Marketing Service to provide technical assistance to a meat lab at the university.

He has also been an Animal Sciences Marketing instructor at Southern University and conducted many marketing seminars and live grading demonstrations in conjunction with the Animal Science program at Southern.

Foster initiated the successful Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program at Southern University and secured numerous grants from USDA.

In addition to these achievements, Foster coordinated the hiring of Southern University students



to serve as summer interns with the LDAF.

Odom said Foster has advanced the civil rights of all citizens.

"Dave Foster has endeavored to accomplish a close working relationship between all races, government agencies and university personnel. He has succeeded in organizing USDA, AMS, Southern University, LSU and the LDAF personnel to reach this goal by coordinating many meat grading training classes, market news workshops and audit training classes at Southern University.

"I know I speak for the entire LDAF when I extend the heartiest congratulations to Dave," Odom said.

2003 peach crop looks good

On a cool morning last month the sounds of friendly banter and an occasional boom could be heard in Joe Mitcham's peach orchard near Ruston.

The banter was from harvesters who had headed into the orchard for the first time this season. And the boom was from a sound cannon used to scare away birds.

All of this meant some of the peaches were ripe and ready for picking.

"The harvesters are looking for full color peaches mostly," Mitcham said. "The peaches will actually start getting a little soft - which means they are ripe - but really the red color is what we're looking for."

Light spring freezes thinned out some of the peaches, but did not do much damage, experts say. Generally farmers thin the crop just before harvest, so the colder weather

this year may actually have helped reduce production costs.

A hailstorm in late April also damaged some of the peaches - presenting another challenge for growers.

"We had a hail storm that physically damaged the peaches some. It doesn't affect the flavor of the peach, but it's not as pretty and it does devalue it," Mitcham said, adding that he believes about 20 percent of his crop may have hail cuts on it.

Despite those two factors, Mitcham and experts in the LSU AgCenter say this year's peach crop appears to be a good one.

"The overall peach crop for the state of Louisiana looks really good," LSU AgCenter horticulturist Dr. John Pyzner said.

"It's the best I've seen in a long time. I think I'd probably have to rate it anywhere from 95-to-100 percent."

United States and other countries file WTO case against European Union

EU's illegal, non-science based moratorium on biotech food approval harmful to agriculture and the developing world

U.S. Trade Representative Robert B. Zoellick and Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced in mid-May the United States, Argentina, Canada, and Egypt will file a World Trade Organization (WTO) case against the European Union (EU) over its illegal five-year moratorium on approving agricultural biotech products. Other countries expressing support for this case by joining it as third parties include: Australia, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru and Uruguay.

"The EU's moratorium violates WTO rules. People around the world have been eating biotech food for years. Biotech food helps nourish the world's hungry population, offers tremendous opportunities for better health and nutrition and protects the environment by reducing soil erosion and pesticide use," said Zoellick. "We've waited patiently for five years for the EU to follow the WTO rules and the recommendations of the European Commission, so as to respect safety findings based on careful science. The EU's persistent resistance to abiding by its WTO obligations has perpetuated a trade barrier unwarranted by the EC's own scientific analysis, which impedes the global use of a technology that could be of great benefit to farmers and consumers around the world."

"With this case, we are fighting for the interests of American agriculture. This case is about playing by the rules negotiated in good faith. The European Union has failed to comply with its WTO obligations," Veneman said. "Biotechnology is helping farmers increase yields, lower pesticide use, improve soil conservation and water pollution and help reduce hunger and poverty around the world.

"Farmers here and elsewhere must be assured that their crops won't be unfairly rejected simply because they were produced using

biotechnology. The EU actions threaten to deny the full development of a technology that holds enormous potential benefits to both producers and consumers worldwide, while also providing a very significant means to combat hunger and malnutrition that afflict hundreds of millions of people across the developing world."

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"The U.S. and the EU have a large and important economic relationship, and disputes such as this, while very important, make up only one part of that relationship. The United States will continue to work with the EU to manage this and other disputes in an appropriate way, and we look forward to advancing our shared objectives in the Doha global trade negotiations and in other forums," Zoellick added.

The WTO agreement on sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS) recognizes that countries are entitled to regulate crops and food products to protect health and the environment. The WTO SPS agreement requires, however, that members have "sufficient scientific evidence" for such measures, and that they operate their approval procedures without "undue delay."

Otherwise, there is a risk countries may without justification use such regulations to thwart trade in safe, wholesome, and nutritious products.

Before 1999, the EU approved nine agriculture biotech products for planting or import. It then suspended consideration of all new applications for approval, and has offered no scientific evidence for this moratorium on new approvals. As EU Environment Commissioner Margot Wallstrom said almost three years ago: "We have already waited too long to act. The moratorium is illegal and not justified...the value of biotechnology is poorly appreciated in Europe."

Agricultural biotechnology is a continuation of the long tradition of agricultural innovation that has provided the basis for rising prosperity for the past millennium. Humankind has historically progressed in boosting agricultural productivity, quality and choices by harnessing science to develop new forms of crops.

More than 145 million acres (58 million hectares) of biotech crops were grown in the world in 2002. Worldwide, about 45% of soy, 11% of corn, 20% of cotton and 11% of rapeseed are biotech crops. In the United States, 75% of soy, 34% of corn and 71% of cotton are biotech crops.

Numerous organizations, researchers and scientists have determined that biotech foods pose no threat to humans or the environment. Examples include the French Academy of Medicine and Pharmacy, and the French Academy of Sciences, the 3,200 scientists who cosponsored a declaration on biotech foods and numerous scientific studies including a joint study conducted by the seven national academies of science (the National Academies of Science of the United States, Brazil, China, India, and Mexico, plus the Royal Society of London and the Third World Academy of Sciences).

Fairs and Festivals

Region 4 Little Britches Penny Rodeo June 27 & 28, 7 p.m., at the Penny Arena in Dequincy; July 4 & 5, 7 p.m. Fri., and 11 a.m. Sat., at the Beauregard Arena in DeRidder. Check entry dates for penny rodeos in newspaper. Don't forget to enter the Monday before each rodeo. For more information, contact Dewanna

Kibodeaux at (337) 786-8142 or Pat McBride at (337) 463-8962.

The Livingston Horse Show Association will host horse shows June 28 and August 9 at the Southpark Arena in Denham Springs. Shows begin promptly at 9 a.m. For more information, contact DeLois Senz at (225) 664-3150 or JoLynn Allen at (225) 685-0335.

History of biotech products & the EU

In October 1998, the EU stopped approving any new agriculture biotech products for planting or import, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture background information. The EU moratorium had no effect on any previously approved products, such as corn and soy, which are still used and are available in member countries, but it froze any new approvals in the EU.

Since the late 1990's, the EU has pursued policies that undermine agricultural biotechnology and trade in biotech foods, the USDA said. First, six member states (Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Greece & Luxemburg) banned modified crops approved by the EU, and the EU's Environmental Commission, which has acknowledged the value of modified crops, has refused to challenge the illegal bans. In 1998, EU member

states began blocking all new biotech applications. This approval moratorium is causing a growing portion of U.S. agricultural exports to be excluded from EU markets and unfairly casting concerns about biotech products around the world, particularly in developing countries, the USDA said.

The first step in a WTO dispute is to request and conduct consultations during June and July. WTO procedures are designed to encourage parties to resolve their differences. If at the end of the consultation period, no resolution has been achieved then the U.S. and the cooperating countries may seek the formation of a dispute settlement panel to hear arguments. Dispute settlement procedures, including appeal, typically take a total of 18 months.



I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream For Ice Cream

Coffee-Ice Cream Punch

- 1/3 cup instant coffee
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cup hot water
- 1/2 gallon milk
- 1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream
- 1/2 gallon chocolate ice cream

Mix coffee, sugar and water. Add milk. Add vanilla and chocolate ice cream. Stir and serve.

Buttermilk Ice Cream

- 1 quart buttermilk
- 2 cups whipping cream
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract

Combine all and freeze in electric freezer.

Peach Ice Cream

- 4 cups sliced, peeled peaches or one large can
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon unflavored gelatin
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped
- sugar substitute to taste, about 8

Place peaches in a medium size bowl. Mix sugar substitutes and lemon juice in a small bowl and pour over peaches. Cover and set aside for 2 hours. Drain fruit, saving 3/4 cup of juice. In a small saucepan combine reserved juice with gelatin and cook over low heat until gelatin is dissolved. Place peaches in a blender and blend at medium speed until peaches are pureed. Refrigerate until mixture begins to thicken then fold in whipped cream. Place in ice cream maker and process until thick and creamy. Makes 1 quart.

Chocolate Milk Shakes & Malts

- 3/4 cup cold milk
- 2 tablespoons chocolate syrup
- malted milk powder, if desired
- 1/2 to 1 cup vanilla ice cream, serving consistency

Put milk and syrup (and malted milk powder if desired) into a blender container, cover and process at WHIP (puree) until thoroughly blended. Stop and add the ice cream, spooning it into the container in about 8 pieces. Cover and process at WHIP (puree) only 3 to 5 seconds. Longer processing will liquefy the ice cream. Yield: 1 drink.

Ice Cream Muffins

- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 2 cups softened vanilla ice cream

Combine in a mixing bowl, flour and ice cream. Beat until smooth. Fill well-greased muffin cups 3/4 full. Bake at 425 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Variations: If richer muffin is desired, add 1 egg and 2 tablespoons cooking oil. Try different flavors of ice cream. Add 1/2 cup of chocolate chips or chopped nuts.

Chocolate Mint Smoothies

- 2 cups milk, divided
- 1/4 cup instant cocoa mix
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream

Heat 1/2 cup milk just until hot. Combine hot milk and cocoa mix in container of electric blender. Process until smooth. Add remaining 1 1/2 cups milk, vanilla and peppermint, blend well. Add ice cream and process until mixture is smooth. 4 cups.

Healthy Milk Shakes

- 1 cup skim milk
- 1/3 cup instant dry milk powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon liquid sugar substitute
- 1 tablespoon unsweetened chocolate
- 5 to 6 ice cubes

STRAWBERRY

Use fresh strawberries instead of chocolate (to taste).

BANANA

Use fresh bananas to taste.

Put ingredients in blender on whip while dropping ice cubes into blender one at a time.

Coming Your Way

Country of origin labeling session

The USDA Agriculture Marketing Service will host a country of origin labeling information session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 19, at Southern University's Agriculture Research and Extension office on B.A. Little Drive in Baton Rouge.

The session will include a presentation by USDA officials on various aspects of the new law on labeling foreign food products. Following the presentation, time will be allowed for public comment. Each person is allowed three minutes to deliver comments.

Pre-registration is not required, but participants who wish to speak during the public comment period must sign in at the meeting.

For more information, contact the Agriculture Marketing Service's Livestock and Seed Program at (202) 720-5705 or email william.sessions@usda.gov.

Club to hold bird mart, craft fair

The Cajun Canary and Finch Club is sponsoring a bird mart and general craft fair from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 21-22, at the VFW Hall on Richland Ave. in Metairie.

A wide variety of birds, except poultry, and bird accessories will be for sale.

Admission is \$2 for adults and children under 5 enter free. There is no admission fee for the craft fair.

For more information, contact Meade Phelps at (504) 887-0724 or (504) 615-4638.

Showdown July 5

The Louisiana Junior Show Circuit has announced the dates for its Cajun Summer Showdown events. The circuit will begin with the Deep South Showdown July 5 at Franklin High School.

Pigs weigh in from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. and the show begins at 10 a.m. Lambs and goats weigh in from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. and the show begins immediately following the pig show.

There are no weight requirements for any category. Entry fees are \$15 for market and \$5 for showmanship.

For more information, contact Carla Guillory at (337) 478-8461 or visit the LJSC Web site at www.ljsc.org.

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News around the nation

Agriculture & Forestry issues from across the 50 states

Ala. stops sale of chloramphenicol-positive crabmeat

Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries Ron Sparks recently ordered that the sale of several brands of crabmeat be stopped because the products tested positively for chloramphenicol. The Commissioner said that the crabmeat in question was imported into the United States from Vietnam, Thailand, Mexico and Malaysia.

"Our inspectors are in the stores and warehouses working to remove this product," said Sparks. He said that the grocery companies are working cooperatively with the department in

removing the product. Of 37 samples tested, 22 percent were positive for chloramphenicol.

Sparks said that chloramphenicol is a potent, broad-spectrum antibiotic drug used only for the treatment of serious infections in humans. Due to the unpredictable effects on patients, it has not been possible to identify a safe level of human exposure to chloramphenicol. Therefore, federal regulations prohibit its use in food producing



animals and animal feed products.

"There is a zero tolerance for chloramphenicol in this country," said Sparks.

"Our department has tested these crabmeat products and

found that they were positive for chloramphenicol," said Sparks. "We are now ordering that these products not be sold in Alabama."

Sparks said that a big help in determining if a food product is unsafe came late last year when the Department spent \$330,000

for a liquid chromatograph triple

Quadrupole Mass Spectrophotometer. With this valuable instrument, the Department can quickly conduct its own test without having to send the samples to an outside laboratory, a step that could take some 30 days to get the test results.

"We are committed to taking every step to ensure that the food our consumers purchase is as safe as possible," said Sparks. "Over the past few years, we have made great strides in food safety and we will continue to do so."

Tough summer fire season looms in Nevada

The late spring rains and snowfalls are likely to delay this year's fire season in the Sierra Nevada and Northern Nevada, but experts say the summer eventually could be a bad one.

That's because the moisture is producing a rich crop of grass, which will dry into abundant fuel once storms arrive.

The weakening El Nino also is expected to mean more lightning. Last year produced few dry lightning storms, and 84,200 acres that burned were a fraction of the previous year's 601,000 acres.

"Last year was very, very mild

for us," said Fred Steve, a meteorologist with the Bureau of Land Management's Office of Fire and Aviation.

That happened because the El Nino weather phenomenon shunted most of the monsoon thunderstorms that typically rake Nevada in the summer to the south and east.

"That's not going to happen this year. We'll have more grass and we should have more lightning," Steve said.

The above-average April precipitation has grasses flourishing and bitterbrush and sagebrush growing quickly as well. Dangerous fuel conditions and severe lightning activity combined to cause Nevada's epic fire season of 1999, when 1.6 million acres were

blackened.

While a repeat of that event is unlikely, Steve predicts a potentially active fire season in 2003.

Jeanne Pincha-Tulley, fire officer for California's Tahoe National Forest, said near-record snowfall in April on the Sierra's west slope probably will help curb fire danger after four dry winters in a row. But the effects of prolonged drought in the mountains can't be offset so easily.

In mid-May two campfires left abandoned near the Sierra town of Foresthill quickly grew to quarter-acre blazes before they were extinguished.

"I wouldn't have expected that quite this fast," Pincha-Tulley said. "It's not going to take much drying to get some fires going."

Illinois company surrenders grain licenses

The Illinois Department of Agriculture accepted the official surrender of the Bethel Grain Co.'s Illinois grain dealer and warehouse licenses in early May.

The elevator, which is located in Benton and was reportedly the only elevator in Franklin County, apparently had cash flow problems that it could not resolve despite efforts the past few months.

"It's a situation where their assets were tied in inventory," said IDOA spokesman Jeff Squibb. "So they didn't have the cash available to make payments in a timely fashion."

The facility is not open for business even though the Ag Department has taken control. IDOA will instead begin liquidating assets and begin the claims process as examiners analyze the books.

Squibb said, at this point, IDOA doesn't know if the Grain Insurance Fund will be needed to meet some of the claims. The GIF was previously drained to help pay farmers with claims in the Ty-Walk failure in Northern Illinois - the state's largest grain elevator failure to date.

"Our hope is the assets cover the claims and there will be no need to draw from the Grain Insurance Fund," Squibb said. "But we won't know until the examiners get a chance to fully look over the books."

Bethel Grain Co.'s grain licenses were previously suspended by IDOA on Feb. 10 because of a working capital deficiency. However, the elevator obtained private financing and had its licenses reinstated on March 27. From March 27 until May 5, when it offi-

cially surrendered its grain licenses, Bethel Grain Co. did manage to reduce its obligations to farmers considerably, from \$1.3 million to \$250,000, IDOA reported. It also still owes a reported \$250,000 to the city of Benton for a revolving loan.

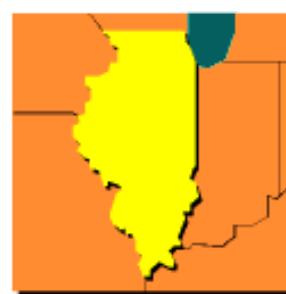
In that time, insufficient funds' checks were paid and the elevator accepted new deliveries from farmers, who were paid upon request.

"There was progress made," Squibb noted.

Unfortunately, Bethel Grain Co. owners were still in the position where they felt it would be in "everybody's best interest" if they surrendered their grain licenses. Squibb said the surrender of the licenses was a "business decision" on the part of Bethel Elevator.

In a letter to IDOA the owners stated, "Bethel Elevator's goal was to remain open as long as possible and, with debt restructuring, continue as a viable member of the Benton business community. However, we've fallen short of that goal and will surrender the licenses."

The surrender of the grain licenses in Benton is at least the third grain elevator failure in Illinois in the last two years.



Wyoming euthanizes grizzly bear

Receiving a reward is usually a good thing. If you are a large predatory animal like a bear, obtaining a human food reward could cost you your life.

Such was the case when Wyoming wildlife biologists decided to euthanize a young grizzly bear frequenting the Pahaska Teepee Lodge west of Cody. The adage "a fed bear is a dead bear" reflects the reality that when bears are given human foods, they become problems for people. Problem bears often die.

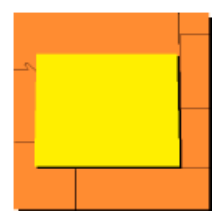
According to Cody Wildlife Supervisor Gary Brown, the Game and Fish Department responded to a report from the lodge that a young bear was becoming a nuisance. It showed no fear of humans and was moving about the lodge grounds allowing some individuals to carelessly approach to within 20 feet.

Bear Conflict Specialist Mark Bruscino set a culvert trap on May 11, to capture it. Later that evening, the bruin took the bait.

"Unfortunately, people have repeatedly fed and approached this bear and as a result, he had become habituated to human foods and people, allowing them to get close and remain close," he said. "Grizzly bears will defend their personal space. When bears allow people to get close, they are no longer acting as bears typically do. If we do not intervene someone will get hurt."

This marks the first Wyoming grizzly bear to die in 2003 as the result of a management action.

"If there is a take home message in this it is that people should treat all wildlife as being wild, avoid the temptation to feed them, and keep your distance when observing or photographing."





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Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
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June - Nov.

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Bastrop
Morehouse Farmers Market
305 East Madison St.
Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sat. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
May - Dec.

NATCHITOCHES PARISH
Natchitoches
Cane River Green Market
Cane River Bank - downtown
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
April- Oct.

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Saturday 8 a.m. - noon
Jan. - Dec.

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Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat.
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May - Sept.

West Monroe
West Monroe Farmers Market
1700 North 7th St.
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Opelousas
St. Landry Farmers Market
952 East Landry St.,
Hwy. 90
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
6 a.m. - noon
mid May - Nov.

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St. Martinville
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- Terrebonne
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New Roads man named world champion crawfish eater



Dignitaries, amateurs & professionals vie for title

Rookie competitive eater Chris Hendrix of New Roads took on the pros and came away the winner, setting the World Crawfish Eating record at 331 crawfish in just 12 minutes.

Champion Hendrix's feat is even more remarkable considering that before the professional contest he won the amateur round by eating 156 crawfish, bringing his total consumption in the two contests to 487.

The May 2 event, sanctioned by the International Federation of Competitive Eating (IFOCE), drew hundreds to downtown Baton Rouge's *Live After Five* festival to watch Crawfish Nick Stipelcovich and other noted competitors vie for the coveted crawfish title.

"It's great to see a local guy win the IFOCE's World Crawfish Eating Champion title," Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said. "There were several non-natives who thought they could give our Louisiana boys a run, but in the end the locals prevailed."

Competing in the championship event were individuals from throughout the state, as well as a few eaters who flew in from out-of-state or were originally from other states. One of the most celebrated competitors was 34-year-old Conch Fritter Eating Champion Joe Menchetti of Hartford, Conn. As it turned out, Menchetti had never eaten crawfish before. Despite this, he consumed an impressive 294 crawfish to finish in fourth place.

Finishing in second place was Crawfish Nick Stipelcovich of Metairie who ate 324 Louisiana crawfish and third place was Boyd Bulot of Hammond who ate 319.

Along with the marketing office of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, event sponsors included the Louisiana Crawfish Promotion and Research Board, Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board, Baton Rouge Downtown Merchant's Association, Wayne Stabler's Restaurant and Catering, Louisiana Fish Fry Co. and Baton Rouge *Fest for All*. The World Crawfish Eating Championship was listed as an official stop on the IFOCE's 2003 professional eating circuit.

Undercard competitions took place prior to the championship round including a local politicians and dignitaries contest as well as an amateur round.

Paul Arrigo, president and CEO of the Baton Rouge Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, won first place in the dignitaries round; Ken Pastorick, a news reporter with WBRZ in Baton Rouge, placed second; and Eric Sunstrom, representing the Baton Rouge chapter of the Louisiana Restaurant Association, placed third.

In addition to Hendrix in the amateur category, William Gilmore, a truck driver from St. Francisville, placed second, and Jimbo Earls, a college student from Bunkie, placed third.

"Chris Hendrix proved that he has what it takes to compete against the best eaters in the world," said IFOCE President Richard Shea. "I look forward to returning to Baton Rouge in 2004 to watch Mr. Hendrix defend his title, and to enjoy a few crawfish of my own."

The IFOCE, the governing body of stomach-centric sport, recognizes select titles including the Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Championship in New York City, the Franks RedHot Buffalo Wing Eating Championship in Buffalo, and the Acme World Oyster Eating Championship in New Orleans. Members of the eating community desire each of the titles, and the bragging rights they provide.



Competitors Nick Stipelcovich (left, top to bottom), Boyd Bulot, William Gilmore, Jimbo Earls, Paul Arrigo, Ken Pastorick and Eric Sunstrom all walked away with full stomachs and crawfish eating awards. Trays of peeled and eaten crawfish wait for official counting by judges (above). Elise Ribera and Crawfish Cleo, a.k.a. Matthew Boles, take a break from cheering on the competitors to pose for a picture (above, right). Chris Hendrix of New Roads eats one of the 487 crawfish he consumed to earn the amateur title and World Crawfish Eating Champion title (below).

